

DEUTERONOMY

ALAH-HaDEBARIM And These Are The Laws

And these are the Laws Mosheh spoke to all Israyl in the wilderness east of the Yordan, that is, in the Arabah, opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

2 (It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.)

3 In the fortieth year after leaving Egypt in the Eleventh Moon, on the First Day of the moon, Mosheh proclaimed to the children of Israyl all that Yahweh had commanded him concerning them.

4 This was after he had defeated Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, and at Edrei after defeating Og king of Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth.

5 On this side of the Yordan, on the east in the territory of Moab, Mosheh began to explain this Law, saying:

6 Yahweh our Father spoke to us in Horeb, saying: You have stayed here long enough at this mountain.

7 Turn and set out into the hill country of the Amorites. Go to all the neighboring peoples in the Arabah, in the mountains, in the western foothills, in the Negev, and along the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites, and to Lebanon, as far as the great River Euphrates.

8 See, I have set the land in front of you. Now go in and take possession of the land Yahweh promised to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Yaaqob—to give them and their descendants after them.

9 I spoke to you at that time, saying: I am not able to bear the burden of you by myself.

10 ^{R1}Yahweh your Father has multiplied you, and here you are today, like the stars in heaven for number.

11 May Yahweh the Mighty Heavenly Father of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you!

12 But how can I bear your problems, and your burdens, and your complaints all by myself?

13 Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable ^{G1}men from among your tribes, and I will set them over you.

14 And you answered me and said: The thing

you have told us to do is the thing that should be done.

15 So I took the leading men of your tribes, ^{G2}wise and knowledgeable men, and made them heads over you—captains of thousands, captains of hundreds, captains of fifties, captains of tens, and as tribal officials.

16 And I charged and commanded your judges at that time, saying: Hear the disputes between your brothers, and judge righteously and fairly between a man and his brother, or a man and the stranger who is with him.

17 You must not show partiality in judgment. You shall listen to the small man as well as to the mighty man, and you must not be afraid in any man's presence for the judgment you render is the judgment of Yahweh. Bring to me any case too hard for you, and I will hear it.

18 And I told you at that time all the things you were to do.

19 So we set out from Horeb as Yahweh had commanded us, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness you saw on the way to the mountains of the Amorites. Then we came to Kadesh Barnea.

20 Then I said to you: You have come to the mountains of the Amorites, which Yahweh our Father is giving us,

21 Now look, Yahweh your Father has set the land in front of you. Go in and take possession of it, just as Yahweh the Mighty Father of your fathers has instructed you. Do not fear or be discouraged.

22 Then everyone of you approached me and said: Let us send men before us, and let them spy out the land for us, and bring back a report about the way we should go in and the cities we shall come to.

23 And the plan was well-pleasing to me, so I selected twelve of your men, one man from each tribe.

24 And they set out and went up into the mountains, and came to the Valley of Eshcol; *Valley of the Cluster*, and spied it out.

25 They also took some of the fruit of that land and brought it back to us, along with this report: ^{R2}It is a rich land Yahweh our Father is giving us.

R1. The judges of Yahweh's people are not like the judges of other nations. For, if a judge of another nation gives judgment that causes an innocent man to be punished, even by death, or this judge perverts righteous judgment, it is regarded as of little importance. On the other hand, a judge of Yahweh's people, if he gives a judgment that causes an innocent man to be wronged, this judge must answer, even to Yahweh, for this sin.

G1. Whose righteousness and uprightness is known.

G2. Declaring what sort of men ought to be ordained into an office. See I Timothy Chapter 3, and Titus Chapter 1.

R2. This was Yahshua ben Nun and Caleb ben Yephuneh.

26 Nonetheless, you would not go up. You rebelled against the command of Yahweh your Father;

27 And you murmured in your tents, and said: ^{R1}It is because Yahweh ^{G1}hates us that He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us.

28 Where can we go? Our brothers have completely discouraged us, saying; The people are bigger and taller than we are. The cities are huge and fortified to the sky. We have also seen the sons of the Anakim there.

29 Then I said to you: Do not be terrified. Do not even be afraid of them.

30 Yahweh your *Heavenly* Father ^{G2}goes in front of you. It will be He Who fights for you, just as He did for you in Egypt right in front of your eyes.

31 In the wilderness you saw how Yahweh your Father carried you all the way you went until you came to this place, just as a man carries his son.

32 Yet, for all that, you did not believe Yahweh your Father,

33 Who went in the way in front of you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way in which you should go; in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

34 When Yahweh heard what you said, He was angry, and vowed an oath saying:

35 Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that rich land I promised to give to your fathers,

36 Except Caleb ben Yephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I will give the land he has walked upon, because he wholeheartedly followed Yahweh.

37 Yahweh was also displeased with me because of you, saying: Even you shall not enter it either,

38 But Yahshua ben Nun, who stands beside you to assist you, he shall enter into it. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israyl to inherit it.

39 And the little ones that you said would be taken captives, your children who do not yet know right from evil: they will enter the land. I will give it to them and they will take possession of it.

40 But as for you, turn around and set out into the wilderness along the route to the Red Sea.

41 Then you answered and said to me: We have sinned against Yahweh! ^{G3}We will go up and fight, just as Yahweh has commanded! So every one of you put on his weapons, and thought it would be easy to go up into the hill country.

42 But Yahweh said to me: Tell them; Do not go up or fight, for I am ^{G4}not with you, and you will be defeated in front of your enemies.

43 So, I warned you, but you would not listen, and you rebelled against the command of

Yahweh, and presumptuously and arrogantly went up into the hill country.

44 The Amorites who lived in the hill country came out against you and chased you like a swarm of bees, driving you back from Seir to Hormah.

45 You came back and wept in front of Yahweh, but Yahweh would not ^{G5}listen to you, and turned a deaf ear to your weeping.

46 So you remained in Kadesh many days; all the time you spent there.

CHAP. 2

Then ^{G6}we turned back and set out into the wilderness along the route to the Red Sea, just as Yahweh instructed me, and we made our way around Mount Seir many days.

2 Yahweh spoke to me, saying:

3 You have made your way around this hill country long enough; now turn northward.

4 Also command the people, saying; You are about to pass through the territory of your brothers, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. They will be afraid of you, so watch yourselves carefully.

5 Do not provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their land, not so much as even one foot, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

6 You shall pay them money for the food you eat, and you shall pay them money for the water you drink.

7 ^{R2}Yahweh your Father has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your travels through this great wilderness. These forty years Yahweh your Father has been with you, and you have lacked nothing.

8 So we went on past our brothers, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. We turned from the Arabah road, which comes up from Elath and Ezion Geber, and set out along the wilderness road of Moab.

9 Then Yahweh said to me: Do not harass Moab, nor provoke them to battle, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession.

10 (The Emim had lived there in times past. They were a people as strong, numerous, and tall as the Anakim.

11 They were also regarded as Rephaites, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.

12 All of these formerly lived in Seir, but the descendants of Esau drove them out, and destroyed them from in front of them, and settled in their place, just as Israyl did to the land of their possession which Yahweh gave them.)

13 Now get up and cross over the Valley of Zered. So we crossed over the Valley of Zered.

R1. In reality, however, it was Yahweh Who loved you, and it was you who hated Yahweh.

G1. Such was the children of Israyl's unthankfulness, that they actually accounted Yahweh's special love for them to be hatred!

G2. We are to renounce our carnal minds and constantly follow Yahweh in His calling us out of this world.

G3. This declares carnal man's true nature. Carnal man will do that which Yahweh forbids, and will not do that which Yahweh commands. Romans 7:19, 8:7.

G4. Man has no strength except when Yahweh is there to help him. Psalms 33:16.

G5. Because you showed your hypocrisy rather than true repentance by mourning the loss of your brethren rather than mourning your sins.

G6. The children of Israyl obeyed after Yahweh chastised them.

R2. Therefore you should not show yourselves ungrateful to Him.

14 And the time-span it took us to come from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed over the Valley of Zered was thirty-eight years, until all the generation of fighting men had perished from the camp, just as Yahweh had vowed to them.

15 For truly, Yahweh's hand was against them until He had completely destroyed them from the camp.

16 Now when the last of these fighting men had finally perished from among the people,

17 Yahweh spoke to me, saying:

18 Today you are to pass by the region of Moab at Ar.

19 When you come close to the people of Ammon, do not harass them or provoke them to battle, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, for I have given it to the descendants of Lot as a possession.

20 (That also was considered a land of the Rephaites, who used to live there; but the Ammonites called them Zamzummites.

21 They were a people as strong, numerous, and tall as the Anakites. Yahweh destroyed them from in front of the Ammonites, who drove them out and settled in their place.

22 Yahweh had done the same for the descendants of Esau, who lived in Seir, when he destroyed all those from in front of them. They drove them out and have lived in their place to this day.

23 And as for the Avvites who lived in towns as far as Gaza, the Caphtorites coming out from Caphtor; *Crete*, destroyed them and settled in their place.)

24 Rise up, set out on your journey, and cross over the Arnon River. See! I have given into your hand Sihon the ^{G1}Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to take possession of it, and engage him in battle.

25 This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you on all the nations under the whole heaven. They shall hear the report of you, and they shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.

26 And I sent messengers from the Wilderness of Kedemoth, to Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying:

27 Let us pass through your land. We will keep strictly on the main road, and we will not turn aside either to the right hand nor to the left.

28 You shall sell us food to eat and water to drink, for its price in silver. Only let us pass through on foot,

29 Just as the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir, and the Moabites, who live in Ar, allowed us to pass on through, until we crossed the Yordan, entering the land Yahweh our Father is giving us.

30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for Yahweh your Father hardened his spirit and made his heart stubborn, in order that He might give him into your hands, as it is this day.

31 And Yahweh said to me: Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to conquer and possess it so you may inherit his land.

32 Then Sihon and all his people came out against us to fight at Yatzah.

33 And Yahweh our Father delivered him over to us and we defeated him, his sons, and all his people.

34 We took all his cities at that time, and we utterly and completely destroyed; *cherem*, the men, ^{G2}women, and children of every city. We left no person alive.

35 But the livestock and the plunder from the cities we had captured, we carried off for ourselves.

36 From Aroer, which is on the bank of the Arnon River, and from the city in the ravine as far as Gilead, not one city was too strong for us. Yahweh our Father gave them all to us.

37 But you did not go near the land of the people of Ammon, or anywhere along the River Yabbok, or to the cities in the hills, or wherever Yahweh our Father had forbidden us.

G2. Yahweh had cursed Canaan, and He commanded that none of this wicked people be preserved.

CHAP. 3

Then we turned and went up along the road to Bashan; and Og king of Bashan, along with all his army, came out against us to battle at Edrei.

2 And Yahweh said to me: Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people into your hand. You shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.

3 So Yahweh our Father also delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, along with all his army. We attacked him until he had no survivors remaining.

4 We took all his cities at that time. There was not one of the sixty cities that we did not take from them; the whole region of Argob, Og's kingdom in Bashan.

5 All these cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, and there were also a great many unwallled villages.

6 We utterly and completely destroyed them; *cherem*, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, killing every man, woman, and child from every city.

7 But all the livestock and the plunder from their cities we carried off for ourselves.

8 At that time we took the land on this side of the Yordan from these two kings of the Amorites; from the River Arnon to Mount Hermon.

G1. According to the promise Yahweh made to Abraham.

9 (The Sidonians call Hermon Sirion; and the Amorites call it Senir),

10 We took all the cities on the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of Og's kingdom in Bashan.

11 (Only Og king of Bashan had remained of the remnant of the Rephaites. His bed was made of iron and was nine cubits long, and four cubits wide, according to the standard cubit; *that is, probably more than 13 feet long and six feet wide*. It is still in Rabbah of the Ammonites.)

12 And the land we took possession of at that time—from the territory north of Aroer by the Arnon River, including half the hill country of Gilead, together with its cities—I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites.

13 The rest of Gilead, together with its cities, and all of Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Menasheh. (The whole region of Argob in Bashan used to be known as a land of the Rephaites.)

14 Yair, a descendant of Menasheh, took the whole region of Argob as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites. It was named after him, so that to this day Bashan is called Havvoth Yair; *The Settlements of Yair*.

15 And I gave Gilead to Machir.

16 But to the Reubenites and the Gaddites I gave the territory extending from Gilead down to the Arnon River (the middle of the river being the border) and out to the Yabbok River, which is the border of the Ammonites.

17 Its western border was the Yarden in the Arabah, from Kinnereth (Galilee) to the Sea of the Arabah (the Dead Sea), below the slopes of Pisgah.

18 I commanded you at that time, saying: Yahweh your Father has given this land to you as your possession. All your fighting men shall cross over armed for battle in front of your brothers, the children of Israyl.

19 But your wives, your children, and your livestock (I know you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities which I have given you,

20 Until Yahweh has given rest to your brothers, as He has to you, and they also possess the land Yahweh your Father is giving them on the other side of the Yarden. After that, each of you may return to his possession I have given you.

21 And I commanded Yahshua *ben Nun* at that time, saying: Your eyes have seen all that ^{G1}Yahweh your Father has done to these two kings. Yahweh will do the same to all the kingdoms you pass through.

22 You must not fear them, for Yahweh your Father Himself fights for you.

23 Then I pleaded with Yahweh at that time, saying:

24 O Yahweh my Father, You have begun to show to Your servant Your greatness and Your

mighty hand, for what god (el) is there in heaven or on earth who can do the ^{G2}works that You do, and the mighty deeds You perform?

25 I pray, let me go over and see the rich land on the other side of the Yarden; that fine ^{G3}hill country and Lebanon.

26 But Yahweh was angry with me because of you, and would not listen to me. So Yahweh said to me: That is enough! Do not speak to Me any more of this matter!

27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and look toward the west, the north, the south, and the east. Look at it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over the Yarden.

28 But commission Yahshua *ben Nun*, and encourage and strengthen him, for he will go in front of this people, and he will cause them to inherit the land you will have seen.

29 So we stayed in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

CHAP. 4

Hear now, O Israyl, the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe and do, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which Yahweh, the Heavenly Father of your fathers, is giving you.

2 ^aYou shall not ^{G4}add to the word which I command you, nor shall you take ^{G5}anything from it, so that you may ^bkeep the Laws of Yahweh your Father which I command you.

3 Your ^{G6}eyes have seen what Yahweh did to Baal Peor; *The Lord of Peor*. For all the men who followed Baal Peor; *The Lord of Peor*, Yahweh your Father has destroyed them from among you.

4 But you who held fast to Yahweh your Father are alive, everyone of you this day.

5 See, I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as Yahweh my Father commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of.

6 Therefore, be careful to observe and do them; for this is ^cyour ^{G7}wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations who will hear of all these statutes, and say: Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 What other nation is so great as to have their gods (elohim) with them, the way Yahweh our Father is ^{G8}near us whenever we pray to Him?

8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous statutes and judgments as are in all this body of Law which I set in front of you this day?

9 Only take heed to yourself, and diligently ^{G9}keep yourself from forgetting the things your eyes have seen, nor let them depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and to your children's children.

G2. Mosheh was speaking against the corrupt speech of those who attributed Yahweh's power to gods (elohim).

G3. Mosheh means Mount Zion, where the Temple would be built.

a. Revelation 22:18-19.
G4. Do not think to be more wise than Yahweh.

G5. Yahweh is not to be served halfway, but rather in total obedience. Revelation 3:15-16.

b. Mattithyah 19:17, Revelation 22:14.

G6. The judgments Yahweh executed on godworshippers (worshippers of elohim) should serve as examples for our learning. Romans 15:4.

c. The reverence of Yahweh, which is done by keeping His Laws, is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 9:10.

G7. Because all men desire wisdom, Yahweh shows how wisdom may be attained.

G8. Yahweh helps us, and delivers us out of all dangers.

G9. Mosheh added all these words to show that we can never be too diligent in keeping the Laws of Yahweh or teaching them to our posterity.

G1. So that your deliverances did not come by your own wisdom or strength.

10 Remember the day you stood in front of Yahweh your Father at Horeb, when Yahweh said to me: Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My Laws, so they may learn to reverence Me all the days they live on the earth, and so they may teach their children.

11 You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain ^{G1}blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and thick darkness.

12 Then Yahweh spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but you saw no form; there was only a voice.

13 He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to follow, *and* Ten Commandments He wrote on two tablets of stone,

14 And Yahweh commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Yordan to possess.

15 Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no ^{G2}form when Yahweh spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire;

16 Watch that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves a god (el, teraph), an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman,

17 Or like any animal on earth or any bird that flies in the air,

18 Or like any creature that moves along the ground, or any fish in the water below.

19 And when you look up to the sky and you see the sun, the moon, and all the stars—all that which is arrayed in the heavens—do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things Yahweh has allotted to all the nations under heaven.

20 But as for you, Yahweh has taken you and brought you out of the ^{G3}iron melting-pot, out of Egypt, to be His people, His inheritance, as you now are this day.

21 Yahweh was ^aangry with me because of you, and He vowed that I would not cross over the Yordan, and that I would not enter the rich land Yahweh your Father is giving you as an inheritance.

22 So I must die in this land, and I must not cross over the Yordan; but you shall cross over and possess that rich land.

23 Be careful not to forget the covenant of Yahweh your Father that He made with you; do not make for yourselves a ^{R1}god (el, teraph), the likeness of anything which Yahweh your Father has forbidden.

24 For Yahweh your Father is a ^{G4}consuming fire, a ^{R2}jealous Heavenly Father, *and is provoked by any god (el).*

25 When you beget children and grandchildren, and have grown old in the land and if you then become ^{G5}corrupt and make any kind

of god (el), doing evil in the sight of Yahweh your Father, and provoking Him to anger,

26 Then I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you are crossing the Yordan to possess. You will not prolong your days in it, but you will be utterly destroyed.

27 And Yahweh will scatter you among the nations and people, and you will be left few in number among the heathen where Yahweh will drive you.

28 ^{R3}And there you will serve gods (elohim, teraphim), the work of men's hands, made of wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

29 But if from there you seek Yahweh your Father you will find Him, if you seek for Him with all your ^{G6}heart and with all your soul.

30 When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to Yahweh your Father and obey His voice; *live by His every word,*

31 For Yahweh your Father is a merciful Father; He will not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant with your forefathers, which He ^{G7}confirmed to them by an oath.

32 Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day Yahweh created man on the earth; ^{G8}ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever come to pass, or has anything like it ever been heard of?

33 Has any other people heard the voice of their god (el), as you have heard the voice of Yahweh speaking out of fire, and lived?

34 Has any god (el) ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm, and by great deeds; like all the things Yahweh your Father did for you in Egypt, right in front of your eyes?

35 You were shown these things so that you might know that Yahweh is the Mighty Heavenly Father, and beside Him there is no other.

36 From heaven He made you hear His voice, to discipline and instruct you. On earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His Laws out of the midst of the fire.

37 And because He loved your forefathers, therefore, He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt by His Presence and with His mighty power,

38 To drive out from in front of you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in to their land to give it to you for your inheritance, as it is this day.

39 Therefore, know this day, and acknowledge it in your heart, that Yahweh Himself is the Father in heaven, above and on the earth beneath. There is no other.

40 You shall therefore keep His statutes and

G1. The Law was given accompanied by fearful miracles in order to show that Yahweh is the true author of the Law.

G2. Destruction is prepared for anyone who makes any image to represent Yahweh.

G3. Yahweh has delivered you out of most grievous slavery, and He has freely chosen you to be His children.
a. That is; Displeased.

R1. Which Yahweh commanded you not to make.
G4. To those who do not come to Him in love and reverence, but rebel against Him. Hebrews 12:19.
R2. That is; Glowing in His anger to exact punishment from those who worship gods (elohim).

G5. Meaning here all superstition and corruption of the true reverence of Yahweh.

R3. And there you will serve those who serve gods (elohim), for if you serve those who serve gods (elohim), it will be as though you serve gods (elohim)!

G6. Not with an outward show or ceremony, but with a true confession of your faults. See also Romans 2:28-29.

G7. To certify to them even more the assurance of their salvation.

G8. Man's negligence is in part the cause that he does not know Yahweh.

His Laws which I command you this day, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which Yahweh your Father is giving to you for all time.

41 Then Mosheh set apart three cities on this side of the Yordan, toward the rising of the sun,

42 Where anyone who had killed a person could flee if he had unintentionally killed his brother without premeditated malice, and that by fleeing to one of these cities, he might save his life.

43 *These were the cities:* Bezer, in the wilderness on the plateau, for the Reubenites; Ramoth, in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan, in Bashan, for the Menashites.

44 And this is the Law Mosheh set before the children of Israyl:

45 These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments Mosheh spoke to the children of Israyl, after they came out of Egypt,

46 And when they were in the valley near Beth Peor, east of the Yordan in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites who reigned in Heshbon, whom Mosheh and the children of Israyl defeated as they came out of Egypt.

47 And they took possession of his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan; two kings of the Amorites on this side of the Yordan, toward the rising of the sun.

48 This land extended from Aroer on the rim of the Arnon River to Mount Sirion, (that is, Hermon),

49 And included all the Arabah east of the Yordan, as far as the Sea of the Arabah; *The Dead Sea*, below the slopes of Pisgah.

CHAP. 5

Mosheh summoned all Israyl, and said to them; Hear, O Israyl, the statutes and judgments I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe and do them.

2 Yahweh our Father made a covenant with us in Horeb;

3 Yahweh did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with those of us who are here today, those of us who are alive.

4 Yahweh spoke to you face to face out of the midst of the fire on the mountain.

5 I stood between Yahweh and you at that time, to declare to you the Law of Yahweh, because you were afraid of the fire, and did not go up the mountain, and He said:

6 I am Yahweh your Father, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

7 You shall have no ^{G1}hinder gods (elohim) at all in front of Me.

8 You shall not make for yourself any carved

image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters below;

9 You shall not bow down to them nor serve them, for I, Yahweh your Father, am a ^{G2}jealous Heavenly Father, punishing the children for the sins of their fathers to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me;

10 But showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me, and keep My Laws.

11 You shall not take the Name of Yahweh your Father to 'bring it to nothing, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who brings dishonor upon, or profanes, His Name.

12 Observe the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy, as Yahweh your Father commanded you;

13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

14 But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of Yahweh your Father. In it you shall not do any work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor the stranger living within your gates, so your manservant and your maidservant may rest, as well as you.

15 Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and that Yahweh your Father brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm. Therefore, Yahweh your Father commanded you to keep the Sabbath Day.

16 Honor your father and your mother, as Yahweh your Father has commanded you, so your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land Yahweh your Father is giving you.

17 You shall not murder.

18 You shall not commit adultery.

19 You shall not steal.

20 You shall not bear false witness; *bringing false testimony*, against your neighbor.

21 You shall not covet; *lust after*, your neighbor's wife; and you shall not covet your neighbor's house, his field, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

22 These are the Laws Yahweh proclaimed in a loud voice to your whole congregation there on the mountain, from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness; and He added nothing more. Then He wrote them on two stone tablets, and gave them to me.

23 When you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was ablaze with fire, all the heads of your tribes and your elders came to me,

24 And you said: Surely Yahweh our Father has shown us His glory and His greatness, and

G2. This refers to Yahweh's glory, which He will not give to another. Isayah 42:8.

G1. Yahweh commands us to serve Him only, without superstition or godworship (the worship of elohim).

I, Verse 5:11—Leviticus 19:12, Leviticus 20:2-3, Leviticus 22:31-32, Nehemiah 13:15-17, Hebrews 6:4-6.

we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire, and today we have seen that a man can live, even if Yahweh speaks with him.

25 But now, why should we die? This great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of Yahweh our Father any more, we will die;

26 For who is there of all mere men, who have heard the voice of the Living Mighty One speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and continued to live?

27 You go near, and you listen to all Yahweh our Father may say, then tell us all that Yahweh our Father says to you. Then we will listen to you, and obey what He says.

28 Then Yahweh listened to your words when you spoke to me, and He said to me: I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. Everything they said was the truth.

29 Oh, ^{G1}that their hearts and minds would be inclined to reverence Me, by always keeping My Laws! ¹Then, they and their children would be blessed forever!

30 Go, tell them to return to their tents;

31 But as for you, stay here with Me, so that I may give you all the Laws, the statutes, and the judgments you are to teach them, so they may observe and do them in the land I am giving them to possess.

32 So be careful to do as Yahweh your Father has commanded you; you must not turn aside to the right hand, nor to the left.

33 You must walk in all the ways Yahweh your Father has commanded you, so that you may ^{G2}live, so that it may be well with you in the land, and so you may prolong your days in the land you shall possess.

CHAP. 6

Now these are the Laws, the statutes, and the judgments which Yahweh your Father has commanded me to teach you: so that you may ^aobserve them in the land you are crossing over to possess;

2 So that you may ^{G3}reverence Yahweh your Father by keeping all His statutes and His Laws, which I command you, your son, and your son's son all the days of your life; and so that your days may be prolonged.

3 Hear therefore, O Israyl, and be careful to obey; so it may be well with you, and so that you may greatly multiply, as Yahweh, the Mighty Father of your fathers, has promised you, in the land that flows with milk and honey,

4 ^bHear, O Israyl, Yahweh is our Father. Yahweh is ^cOne.

5 ^{R1}And you must ^dlove Yahweh your Father with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

6 And these Laws which I command you this day must be in your heart;

7 ^{R2}And you must ^eteach them diligently to your ^{R3}children, ^{R4}and ^ftalk about them when you sit in your house, and when you walk on the road, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

8 ^{2a}You shall ^{2b}tie them as symbols upon your hand, and they shall be as a ^{2c}distinguishing mark in the ^{2e}eyes of everyone.

9 And you shall write them on the doorframes of your houses, and on your gates.

10 When Yahweh your Father brings you into the land He vowed with an uplifted hand to give to your fathers: to Abraham, Isaac, and Yaaqob, to give you large and flourishing cities, which you did not build;

11 Houses filled with all kinds of wonderful things, which you did not provide; dug out wells, which you did not dig out; vineyards and olive trees, which you did not plant—when you eat and are full,

12 Beware that you do not ^{G4}forget Yahweh Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

13 Yahweh your Father you must reverence, and Him you must ^bserve, and ^{G5}by His Name you must take your oaths.

14 Do not follow after hinder gods (elohim, teraphim): the gods (elohim) of the people all around you;

15 For Yahweh your Father, Who is among you, is jealous, and His anger will burn against you, and He will destroy you from the face of the earth.

16 You must not ^{G6}tempt (test) Yahweh your Father, as you tested Him in Massah.

17 You must diligently keep the Laws of Yahweh your Father, with His testimonies and His statutes, which He has given you.

18 You must do what is right and Lawful in the sight of Yahweh, so it may be well with you, so that you may go in and possess the rich land which Yahweh promised on oath to give to your fathers,

19 Thrusting out all your enemies from in front of you, as Yahweh has spoken.

20 When ^{G7}your children ask you in time to come; What is the meaning of these testimonies, statutes, and judgments Yahweh our Father has commanded?

21 Then you shall tell your children: We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and Yahweh brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

22 Yahweh showed signs and wonders in front of our eyes, great and terrible, upon Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his household.

23 Then He ^{G8}brought us out from there, so that He might bring us in, and give us the land that He promised by an oath to our fathers.

24 And Yahweh commanded us to observe and do all these statutes; to reverence Yahweh our Father, so that we might be blessed; that He

R2. They should be familiar in your mouth, so that if a person asks you anything concerning them, you will not need to stammer (hesitate) about them, but tell him right then and there. I Kepha 3:15.

e. Word #8150, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: to teach words, verses, Laws, etc. to another person.

R3. These are not only one's own family, but all who are seeking to learn of Yahweh's way.

R4. Your principal topic of conversation should be Yahweh's Laws. Make the Laws of Yahweh be first in all things, and do not make them of secondary importance.

f. Word #1696, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: talk, to talk to or direct a person or persons with the purpose of bringing them to order or way of life. To teach a Law with the intent of getting one to follow it. Also, teach by doing or example.

g. That is; the forehead, behind which is the brain, thus representing the mind.

G4. Let not wealth or ease of life cause you to forget Yahweh's mercies, by which you were delivered out of misery.

h. You are the servant of whom you choose to obey. Romans 6:16. Yahshua Messiah tells you to serve Yahweh, and none else. Mattiithyah 4:10, 7:21. See also Deuteronomy 6:25 and its marginal notes.

G5. We must reverence Yahweh, serve Him only, and confess His Name.

G6. By doubting Yahweh's power, refusing to keep His Laws, and abusing His mercy.

G7. Yahweh requires not only that we serve Him all our lives, but that we see to it that our posterity does likewise.

G8. Nothing should move us more to true obedience of Yahweh than the great blessings we have received of Yahweh!

G1. Yahweh shows that He requires of us nothing more than obedience, showing also that of ourselves we would not obey.

G2. Yahweh blesses those who are obedient to Him. Disobedience of Yahweh is the cause of all misery.

a. Be doers of the Law. Romans 2:13.

G3. Reverence and love of Yahweh is the beginning of keeping Yahweh's Laws.

b. Word #8085, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: to hear intelligently with obedience, consent, declare, discern, proclaim, publish, regard, report, show forth, surely tell, understand, witness.

c. Hebrew *achad*. Although this word is often used in the Hebrew language as the numeral (number) one, it is still (even as the numeral [number] one) the symbol of unity in all languages. *Number in Scripture* by Ethelbert Bullinger, Page 50, *The Hebraic Tongue Restored* by Fabre d'Olivet, Page 291. Also, there is one Law and way for all. Exodus 12:49, Numbers 15:15-16.

R1. Fulfill Yahweh's Laws out of love. For one who acts out of love is not like him (is on a higher plane than one) who acts out of fear. He who serves his ruler out of fear, if his ruler excessively troubles him, he will leave his ruler and go away.

d. This is the first of the two greatest Commandments of all. The second is: You shall love your brother as yourself. Leviticus 19:18. On these two Commandments is set all the Law and the Prophets. Mattiithyah 22:36-40.

I. Verse 5:29—Sermon Tape 1-13-90. See also Psalms 119:97 and Romans 13:10.

2a. Verse 6:8—For an in-depth explanation of what is being said in Deuteronomy 6:8, read Pages 136-151 of *The Books of Life*, Volume 1. 2b. Verse 6:8—Numbers 15:38-40. 2c. Verse 6:8—Exodus 31:13-17. Books: *The Mark of the Beast*, Volumes 1 and 2.

a. Yahweh's righteousness shall never be abolished. Isayah 51:5-8. He who does not practice righteousness is not of Yahweh. I Yahchanan 3:10. Yahweh created righteousness. Isayah 41:10, 41:20, 42:6, 45:8, 45:18-24, Romans 10:3-4. The new man is created in righteousness. Ephesians 4:24. We cannot add to Yahweh's righteousness; all we can do is not rebel against it. Deuteronomy 4:2.

G1. Yahweh wants His worship to be pure, without all forms of godworship (the worship of *elohim*) and superstition.

G2. And so put difference between Yahweh and gods (*elohim*). See Yechetzqyah 44:23.

might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

25 And it will be OUR ^aRIGHTEOUSNESS, if we observe to do all of this Law before Yahweh our Father, as He has commanded us.

CHAP. 7

When Yahweh your Father brings you into the land you go to possess, and has thrust out many nations from in front of you—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and the Yebusites—seven nations larger and stronger than you,

2 And when Yahweh your Father has delivered them over to you, and you have defeated them, then you must utterly destroy them; *cherem*. You must make no treaty with them, nor show mercy to them.

3 You must not make marriages with them. You must not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.

4 For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve hinder gods (*elohim*); then Yahweh's anger will burn against you, and you will suddenly be destroyed.

5 This is how you shall deal with them: ^{G1}you must destroy their altars, break down their sacred pillars; *symbols of the sun god, Baal*, cut down their ¹sacred poles; *Asherah poles*, and burn their gods (*elohim*) in the fire.

6 For you are a people holy to Yahweh your Father. Yahweh your Father has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all other peoples on the face of the earth.

7 Yahweh did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more numerous than any other people, for you are the fewest of all peoples,

8 But because Yahweh loves you, and because He would keep the oath He vowed with uplifted hand to your fathers; to bring you out with a mighty hand, and to redeem you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know, therefore, ^{G2}that Yahweh is your Father. He is Mighty. He is the Faithful Father Who keeps His covenant and mercy for a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His Laws;

10 But repays those who hate Him to their face—by destroying them! He will not be slack to him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.

11 Therefore, you must keep the Laws, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you this day, by observing and doing them.

12 Then, because you listened to these Laws, and were careful to keep and do them—Yahweh your Father will keep His covenant and mercy with you, which He vowed by oath to your fathers.

13 He will love you, and bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your grain, your new wine, your oil, the increase of your cattle, and the offspring of your flocks, in the land He vowed on oath to your fathers to give you.

14 You shall be ^bblessed above all peoples. There shall not be a male or female barren among you, nor among your livestock.

15 ^cYahweh will take away from you all sickness. He will not afflict you with any of the diseases you knew in Egypt, but will lay them on all those who hate you.

16 You must destroy all the peoples; *cherem*, whom Yahweh your Father delivers over to you. You shall not look upon them with pity, nor shall you serve their gods (*elohim*), for these things would be a trap for you.

17 If you should ever start thinking to yourselves: These nations are stronger than we are, how can we drive them out?

18 You must then remember what Yahweh your Father did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt; then you will not be afraid of them.

19 You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm with which Yahweh your Father brought you out. Yahweh your Father will also do all these things to the people you may have fear of.

20 Moreover, Yahweh your Father will send the hornet among the survivors who may hide from you, so even they will be destroyed.

21 You must have no fear of them, for Yahweh your Father; Who is among you, is a great and awesome Power.

22 Yahweh your Father will drive out those nations from in front of you little by little. You will not destroy them all at once, or the beasts of the field would become too numerous for you;

23 But Yahweh your Father will hand them over to you, inflicting defeat upon them, until they are destroyed.

24 He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will blot out their names from the earth. No one will be able to withstand you, and you will destroy them.

25 You must burn the images of their gods (*elohim*, *teraphim*) in the fire. You must not covet; *lust after*, the silver or gold that covers them, nor take it for yourselves, or you will be ^{G3}ensnared and entrapped by it, for it is an abomination to Yahweh your Father.

26 You must not bring an abomination into your house, or you will be doomed to destruction; ²*cherem*, just like it. You must utterly detest and abhor it, for it is an accursed thing set apart for ²*cherem*.

b. This is upon the condition that one lives by every word that has proceeded out of the mouth of Yahweh. Deuteronomy 8:3, 16:14-17, and Mattithyah 4:4.
c. II Kings 20:1-5.

G3. And be enticed into godworship (the worship of *elohim*).

I. Verse 7:5—See Footnotes on Pages 290 and 291.

2. Verse 7:26—CHEREM: The Hebrew term refers to the irrevocable giving over of things or persons to Yahweh, often by completely destroying them.

CHAP. 8

You must be careful to observe and do every Law which I give you today, so that you may ^{G1}live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land Yahweh vowed on oath to your fathers.

2 You must remember that Yahweh your Father led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, test and prove you, and know what was in your heart; *the seat of your intelligence*, to see whether you would keep His Laws, or *whether you would not*.

3 ^aSo He humbled you, and allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you did not know of nor did your fathers know of it; so He might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by every ^bword that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh, ^cdoes man live.

4 Your garments did not grow old upon you, nor did your feet swell these forty years.

5 Know then in your heart; *the seat of your intelligence*, that as a man disciplines his son, in the same way Yahweh your Father disciplines you.

6 ¹So you must keep the Laws of Yahweh your Father, by walking in His ways, thereby reverencing Him.

7 For Yahweh your Father is bringing you into a rich land, a land of brooks, fountains, and springs of flowing water in the valleys and hills,

8 A land of wheat and barley, vines, fig trees, and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

9 A land where you will eat bread to the full, and where you will lack nothing; a land where stones are made of iron, and its hills are mined for copper.

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, then you must bless Yahweh your Father for the rich land He has given you.

11 Beware that you do not forget Yahweh your Father, by not keeping His Laws, His judgments, and His ^dstatutes which I am giving you this day;

12 Or when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built beautiful houses and live in them;

13 And when your herds and your flocks grow large, and your silver and gold increases, and all you have is multiplied,

14 Then you will become proud, and you will forget Yahweh your Father Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 ²Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness of ^efiery serpents and scorpions,

through that thirsty land where there was no water; Who brought forth water for you out of the rock of flint;

16 Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know of, that He might humble you, and ^ftest and prove you, so that in your latter end it might go well with you.

17 Then you might say in your heart; *the seat of your intelligence*: It was my own power and the strength of my own hand that gained me all this wealth.

18 But then you must remember that it is Yahweh your Heavenly Father Who gives you the power to acquire wealth, for in this way He confirms His covenant He vowed on oath to your fathers, as it is this day.

19 If you, by any means, ever forget Yahweh your Father, by following hinder Gods (Elohim) to serve and worship them, I testify and witness against you this day that you will surely perish.

20 You shall perish just like the nations Yahweh is destroying in front of you, because you would not obey the voice of Yahweh your Father.

CHAP. 9

Hear, O Israyl: You are to cross over the Yarden today, and go in to drive out nations larger and stronger than yourself, with great cities fortified to the sky.

2 The people are strong and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you have known of and heard said of; Who can stand against a descendant of Anak?

3 But understand today that Yahweh your Father is He Who ^{G2}goes over in front of you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and subdue them in front of you, so you shall drive them out, and quickly destroy them, just as Yahweh has promised you.

4 But do not even think in your heart, after Yahweh your Father has thrust them out from in front of you, and say to yourself: Because of my *own* righteousness Yahweh has brought me in to possess this land. *No!* It was because of the wickedness of these *same* nations that Yahweh is driving them out from in front of you.

5 It is not because of your righteousness, or the uprightness and integrity of your heart that you are going in to take possession of their land; but, because of the wickedness of these nations, Yahweh your Father will drive them out from in front of you, and so He may perform the word which Yahweh vowed on oath to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Yaaqob.

6 Understand therefore, that Yahweh your Father is not giving you this rich land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a ^{G3}stiff-necked people!

7 Remember, and never forget, how you provoked Yahweh your Father to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you set out from the land of Egypt until you have come to this place, you

G1. It is not enough to hear the word of Yahweh (the Law and the Prophets), unless we express it by example of life. Romans 2:13.

a. Gods (elohim) and demons are nothing more than those who are disobedient to Yahweh. See Galatians 4:9.
b. Whoever hates the word of Yahweh (the Law and the Prophets) will be destroyed. Proverbs 13:13.
c. Sin is the transgression of the Law of Yahweh. 1 Yahchanan 3:4.

d. These govern Yahweh's Feasts. Leviticus Chapter 23, Deuteronomy 16:16.

e. Hebrew saraph, meaning: Egyptian gods (elohim) serpents, guardians. *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament* by Brown, Driver, and Briggs, Pages 976-977.

f. So He can give you eternal life.

G2. To guide you and govern you.

G3. You are like stubborn oxen which will not endure their owner's yoke.

I. Verse 8:6—Sermon Tape 3-17-90. 2. Verse 8:15—Yahweh led the children of Israyl out of and away from the Beastly System, Godworship, and Satan, represented by Egypt, the Wilderness, fiery serpents, and scorpions. Books: *The Mark of the Beast, Volumes 1 and 2*, and *Devil Worship*. Sermon Tape 11-14-92.

have been rebellious against Yahweh!

a. That is; Displeased.

8 At Horeb you provoked Yahweh to so much wrath, that Yahweh was "angry enough with you to have completely destroyed you!

9 When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone: the tablets of the covenant Yahweh made with you, I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I did not eat bread, nor did I drink water.

10 Then Yahweh gave me two tablets of stone, written with the finger of Yahweh. On them were all the Laws Yahweh had spoken to you on the mountain from out of the midst of the fire, on the day you were gathered together.

11 At the end of forty days and forty nights Yahweh gave me the two tablets of stone; the tablets of the covenant.

12 Then Yahweh said to me: Get down from here at once! Your people whom you brought out of Egypt are acting corruptly. They have quickly turned aside from the way I have commanded them; they have made a god (el) for themselves!

13 Yahweh said to me: I have seen this people, and they truly are a stiff-necked people!

14 Let Me alone so I may destroy them and blot out their names from under heaven; then I will make of you a nation stronger and more numerous than they.

15 So I turned and went down from the mountain while it was ablaze with fire, with the two tablets of the covenant in my two hands.

16 When I looked, I saw that you had sinned against Yahweh your Father, and you had made for yourselves a god (el) cast in the shape of a calf. You had turned quickly from the way Yahweh had commanded you.

17 Then I took the two tablets and threw them out of my hands, and broke them to pieces *right* in front of your eyes.

18 And like the first time, I fell down in front of Yahweh for forty days and forty nights; I did not eat bread nor drink water, because of all the sins you had committed; *your godworship (your worship of elohim)*, doing what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, to provoke Him to anger.

19 I feared the anger and hot displeasure Yahweh held against you, for He was angry enough to destroy you, but Yahweh listened to me that time as well.

20 Yahweh was also very displeased with Aaron and would have destroyed him, so I prayed for Aaron at the same time.

21 Then I took that sinful thing, the calf you had made, and burned it with fire, crushed it, ground it until it was fine as dust, and threw the dust into the brook that flowed down the mountain.

22 At Taberah, at Massah, and at Kibroth Hattaavah, you also provoked Yahweh to wrath.

23 Then, when Yahweh commissioned you

from Kadesh Barnea saying: Go up and take the land I have given you; you rebelled against the command of Yahweh your Father. You did not believe Him nor obey His voice.

24 You have been rebellious against Yahweh from the day I met you.

25 *For this*, I cast myself down in front of Yahweh; ^{G1}forty days and forty nights I stayed before Him, because Yahweh had said He would destroy you.

26 I therefore prayed to Yahweh and said: O Yahweh, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your great power, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 ^{G2}Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Yaaqob. Do not look on the stubbornness of this people, or on their wickedness, or on their sin,

28 Or the land from which You brought us will say; Because Yahweh was not able to take them into the land He had promised them, and because He hated them, He brought them out to put them to death in the wilderness.

29 Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm.

G1. Whereby it is signified that Yahweh requires continual praise.

G2. The righteous are grounded upon Yahweh's promises in their prayers and they willingly confess their sins.

CHAP. 10

At that time Yahweh said to me: Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and come up to Me on the mountain, also make yourself an ark of wood.

2 And I will write on the tablets the Laws that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Then you shall put them in the ark.

3 So I made an ark of acacia wood, chiseled out two tablets of stone like the first *ones*, and went up the mountain with these two tablets in my hand.

4 Yahweh wrote on these tablets what He had written on the first ones: the Ten Commandments He had proclaimed to you on the mountain, out of the midst of the fire in the day you were gathered together. Then Yahweh gave them back to me,

5 And I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark I had made. And there they are, just as Yahweh commanded me.

6 (Now the children of Israyl set out from the wells of Bene Yaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died and was buried, and Eleazar his son succeeded him as *High Priest*.)

7 From there they set out to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Yotbathah, a land of rivers of water.

8 At that time Yahweh set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of Yahweh,

G1. To offer sacrifices and declare the Law to the people.

to stand in front of Yahweh to ^{G1}minister and to pronounce blessings in His Name, as they do to this day.

9 That is why Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brothers; Yahweh is his inheritance, just as Yahweh your Father promised him.)

10 Just like the first time, I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights; Yahweh also heard me at that time, and Yahweh chose not to destroy you.

11 Then Yahweh said to me: Go, lead the people on their way so they may go in and possess the land I vowed on oath to their fathers to give them.

12 And now, O Israyl, what does Yahweh your Father ^{G2}require of you, but to reverence Yahweh your Father by walking in all His ways, by loving Him, by serving Yahweh your Father with all your heart, and with all your soul,

13 ^{1,a,b}By keeping the Laws of Yahweh, with His statutes, which I command you this day, so that you may be blessed?

14 Heaven, and the highest heavens, and the earth with all that is in it, truly belongs to Yahweh your Father.

15 Yet Yahweh delighted only in your fathers, to love them. He chose their descendants after them: you, above all other peoples, as it is this day.

16 Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.

17 For Yahweh your Father is King of kings and Ruler of rulers, the great Power, mighty and terrible, Who shows no partiality to persons, nor takes a bribe.

18 He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

19 And you are to love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 You shall revere Yahweh your Father and serve Him, hold fast to Him and take your oaths in His Name.

21 He is your Praise. He is your Father Who has done for you these great and awesome things your own eyes have seen.

22 Your forefathers went down into Egypt with seventy persons, and now Yahweh your Father has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

CHAP. 11

You shall love Yahweh your Father and keep His charge, His statutes, His judgments, and His Laws always.

2 Remember this day that your children were not the ones who have known and experienced the chastening and discipline of Yahweh your Father, or His greatness, His mighty hand, His outstretched arm,

3 His signs, His acts He performed in the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to all his land;

4 What He did to the Egyptian army; to their horses and chariots; how He made the waters of the Red Sea flow over them as they were pursuing you, and how Yahweh brought lasting destruction upon them, to this day;

5 What He did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

6 And what He did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israyl, and swallowed them up along with all their households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them;

7 But it was your own eyes that saw every one of these great acts Yahweh has done.

8 Therefore, you must keep every Law I give you today, that you may be strong and go in and take possession of the land you cross over to possess;

9 And so that you may prolong your days in the land Yahweh vowed on oath to give to your fathers—to them and their descendants—a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 The land you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt you came from, where you planted your seed, and watered it by foot, as you would a vegetable garden,

11 But the land you are crossing the Yarden to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys—a land that drinks water from the rain of heaven.

12 It is a land Yahweh your Father cares for. The eyes of Yahweh your Father are always upon it, from the ²beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

13 Then it shall be, if you diligently obey my Laws I give you this day, to love Yahweh your Father and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14 Then I will give the rain for your land in its season; the early rain; *in the fall of the year* and the latter rain; *in the spring of the year*, so you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

15 And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, so you may eat and be filled.

16 Take heed and be very careful, or your heart will be ^{G3}deceived, and ^{R1}you will turn away and serve hinder gods (elohim) and worship them,

17 And Yahweh's anger will burn against you, and He will shut up the heavens, so there will be no rain, and the land will yield no produce, and you will quickly perish from the rich land Yahweh is giving you.

18 Store up these Laws of mine in your heart

G2. For all our sins, Yahweh requires nothing more than we turn to Him and obey Him.

a. The King James version translates this to keep.
b. Hebrew and Semitic preposition *lamed*. Traditionally translated by *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament* by Brown, Driver, and Briggs, Page 514, shows this preposition is correctly translated by.

G3. By devising to yourselves foolish devotions according to your own fantasies.

R1. For as soon as a man departs from the Law of Yahweh he clings to god-worship (the worship of *elohim*).

1. Verse 10:13—Sermon Tape 3-17-90.

2. Verse 11:12—Yahweh's Sacred Year begins on the First Holy Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which comes in the First Moon of Yahweh's Sacred Year: Exodus 12:2, Deuteronomy 16:1, and ends on the Last Great Day; at the end of the Feast of Tabernacles, in the Seventh Moon: Exodus 34:22. Book: *Deceptions Concerning Yahweh's Calendar of Events*.

R1. The first words a young child should learn to speak are the words of the Law of Yahweh.

and in your soul, and bind them as a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 ^{R1} You shall teach them to your children, and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk in the road, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

20 You shall write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates;

21 So your days and the days of your children may be numerous—like the days of the heavens above the earth—in the land which Yahweh vowed on oath to your fathers to give them.

22 If you carefully observe and do all these Laws I am giving you to follow—to love Yahweh your Father, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him—

23 Then Yahweh will drive out all these nations from in front of you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you.

24 Every place the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness to Lebanon, and from the River Euphrates to the Western Sea; *the Mediterranean*.

25 No man will be able to stand against you. Yahweh your Father will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon the whole land, just as He has said.

26 Behold, I am setting in front of you today a blessing and a curse—

27 The blessing if you obey the Laws of Yahweh your Father, which I am giving you this day;

28 Or the curse if you do not obey the Laws of Yahweh your Father, and turn aside from the way I am setting in front of you, to follow after gods (elohim, teraphim) you have not known.

29 When Yahweh your Father has brought you into the land you are entering to possess, you shall proclaim these blessings on Mount Gerizim, and these curses on Mount Ebal.

30 These mountains are on the other side of the Yordan, toward the west, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah in the vicinity of Gilgal, beside the great trees of Moreh.

31 For you will cross over the Yordan, and go in to possess the land Yahweh your Father is giving you, and you will take it and live in it.

32 And you must be careful to observe and do all the statutes and judgments of this Law, which I set in front of you this day.

CHAP. 12

These are the statutes and judgments; ^a*The Law*, which you must ^bobserve to do in the land which Yahweh, the Heavenly Father of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live upon the earth.

2 You must utterly destroy all the places where the nations you shall drive out worshiped

their gods (elohim)—on the high mountains, on the hills, and under every spreading tree—

3 ^bYou must destroy their altars, break down their sacred pillars; *images of the sun-god Baal*, and burn their sacred poles; *Asherah poles*. Cut down the ^cimages of their gods (elohim, teraphim) and wipe out their names from those places.

4 ^{d,R2} You must not ^{G1}worship Yahweh your Father in such ways; *Yahweh your Father is not a god (el)*.

5 But you are to seek the habitation of your Father; *The House of Yahweh*—the ²place which Yahweh your Father shall choose out of all your tribes to ^eestablish His Name—and there you must go.

6 There you must bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes, and special gifts you have vowed to give, ^fyour freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

7 ^gThere, in front of Yahweh your Father, you and your families shall eat, and you shall rejoice in all that you have put your hand to do, because Yahweh your Father has blessed you.

8 You must not at all do as we are doing here this day—every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes—

9 Since you have not yet come to the ^hrest and the inheritance Yahweh your Father is giving you.

10 But when you cross over the Yordan, and live in the land Yahweh your Father is giving you to inherit, and when He gives you rest from all your enemies round about you, and you live in safety,

11 Then there will be a place Yahweh will choose to establish His Name; and there you will bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your ⁱtithes and special gifts, and all the choice things you have vowed to Yahweh;

12 And you shall rejoice in front of Yahweh, *you and your wife (wives)*, your sons, your daughters, your menservants, your maidservants, and the Levite who lives within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

13 Be careful not to sacrifice your burnt offerings in every place you please;

14 But only in the place Yahweh chooses out of one of your tribes. There you must offer your burnt offerings, and there you must do all that I command you.

15 Nevertheless, you may slaughter your animals in any of your towns, and eat as much of *the clean* meat as you want, just as if it were gazelle or deer, according to the blessing Yahweh your Father gives you. Both the ceremonially clean and unclean may eat of this.

16 Only you must not eat the blood; you must pour it on the ground like water.

17 You must not eat the tithe of your grain,

b. This has not come to pass yet, but it will be when Yahshua Messiah returns with all the saints with Him. Zechariah 14:5, Malakiah 4:1-3, Yahdah 14-16.

c. Yahweh's image is His character. The image of god (el) are the laws of that god (el). Book: *Reconsidering Yahweh's Laws of Slavery and Marriage*. Published by The House of Yahweh, P.O. Box 2498, Abilene, Texas, 79604, USA.

d. Deuteronomy 12:31-32, Revelation 22:14, 18-19.

R2. You shall not burn offerings to Yahweh at any place you choose (as the heathens do) but at the place which Yahweh will choose. Deuteronomy 16:16.

G1. You shall not serve Yahweh with superstition.

e. Word #7760-7761, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: to ordain, appoint, cause. This word is also listed on Pages 1004-1005 of *Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* by Edward Robinson, which shows this word means: to establish.

f. This is done three times a year. Deuteronomy 16:16.

g. At the place Yahweh has established the House bearing His Name. Deuteronomy 12:1-11, Isayah 2:2-3, Micahyah 4:1-2, Revelation 7:2.

h. Hebrews 4:1-13.

i. Deuteronomy 12:17-18.

a. There is one Law (Exodus 12:49, Numbers 15:15-16) and one Lawgiver (Matthew 10:28 and Yaaqob 4:12). This Law should be remembered all the days of one's life. Malakiah 4:4-6.

I. Verse 12:1—One must learn the Laws of Yahweh so that one may keep them perfectly, because these will be the Laws that govern Yahweh's Kingdom.

2. Verse 12:5—Sermon Tape 9-24-91 and 1-18-92. Booklet: *What Yahweh's Feasts Mean to You*.

new wine, and oil, or the firstborn of your herds and flocks, or whatever you have vowed to give, or your freewill offerings or special gifts in your own cities.

a. Deuteronomy 12:21.

18 ^aBut you must eat these in front of Yahweh your Father in the place Yahweh your Father chooses; you *and your wife (wives)*, your son and your daughter, your manservant, your maidservant, and the Levite who lives within your gates; and you shall rejoice in front of Yahweh your Father in everything you put your hand to.

19 Be careful that you do not neglect the Levite as long as you live in your land.

20 When Yahweh your Father enlarges your territory, as He has promised you, and you say: I would like some meat to eat, because you want to eat meat, then you may eat as much meat as you desire.

b. Deuteronomy 12:26.

21 ^bIf the place where Yahweh your Father chooses ¹to put His Name is too far from you, then you may slaughter from your herd or from your flock Yahweh has given you, just as I have commanded you, and in your own cities you may eat as much of them as you want.

22 Just as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you may eat them; the ceremonially unclean and the ceremonially clean alike may eat them.

23 But be sure that you do not eat the blood, because the blood is the life, and you must not eat the life with the meat.

24 You must not eat the blood. Pour it out on the ground like water.

25 You must not eat it, so it may go well with you and your children after you, when you have done what is right in the sight of Yahweh.

c. Deuteronomy 12:28-32.
G1. That which you will offer in sacrifice.

26 ^cTake only the ^{G1}holy things you have, and your vowed offerings, and go to the place Yahweh chooses.

27 There you must offer your burnt offerings; both the meat and the blood, on the altar of Yahweh your Father, and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of Yahweh your Father, then you shall eat the meat.

G2. Yahweh, by His promise, binds Himself to do well to those who obey His word (the Law and the Prophets). Psalms 125:4.

28 Observe and obey all these words I command you, so it may go ^{G2}well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is Lawful and holy in the sight of Yahweh your Father.

29 When Yahweh your Father cuts off the nations from in front of you, and you displace them and live in their land,

30 Be careful not to be ensnared into following them by asking about their gods (elohim), saying: How did these nations serve their gods (elohim)? I also will do the same.

I. Verse 12:21—In Leviticus 17:2-6 it had been commanded that every animal, even for ordinary consumption, must be slain at the entrance of the tent of meeting. This was a temporary precept for the period of the Israelites' sojourn in the wilderness. This precept is now replaced by another in this chapter of Deuteronomy. Israel was now about to settle in Canaan, and the individual Israelite could not be expected to go to the central sanctuary each time he wanted to slaughter an animal for food.

31 You must not worship Yahweh your Father in their way, for every abomination to Yahweh, which He hates, they have done to their gods (elohim). They even ^{G3}burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods (elohim).

G3. They thought nothing was too dear to offer to their gods (elohim).

32 Whatsoever I command you, be careful to observe and do it, ^dyou shall not add to it, nor take away from it.

d. The nation of Israel eventually committed this sin. Yechetzqyah 20:28-29.

CHAP. 13

If there arises among you a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

2 And the sign or the wonder he spoke to you comes to pass, but then he says: Let us follow after gods; *elohim*, (which you have not known) and let us serve them,

3 You must not listen to the words of that prophet or that foreteller of dreams, for Yahweh your Father is testing you to know whether you love Yahweh your Father with all your heart and all your soul, *or whether you do not*.

4 It is Yahweh your Father you must walk after, and it is Him you must reverence. Keep His Laws and obey His voice, then you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

5 Then that prophet or that foreteller of dreams must be put to death, because he has spoken rebellion in order to entice you from the way Yahweh your Father commanded you to walk, and to turn you away from Yahweh your Father Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of bondage. So you must purge the evil from your midst.

G4. Yahweh should come first, even above one's personal feelings.

6 If ^{G4}your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your closest friend, secretly entices and tempts you, saying: Let us go and worship gods; *elohim*, (gods; *elohim*, that neither you nor your fathers have known;

7 Gods; *elohim*, of the people around you, whether close to you or far away from you, *gods; elohim*, from one end of the earth, to the other end of the earth),

8 Do not yield to them nor even listen to them. Show them no pity. Do not spare them nor conceal them;

9 But you must surely kill them. Your hand shall be first against them to put them to death, then afterward the hand of all the people.

10 You shall stone them with stones until they die, because they sought to entice and tempt you away from Yahweh your Father Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 Then all Israel will hear of this and be afraid, and no one among you will do such an evil thing again.

12 If you hear it said about one of the cities that Yahweh is giving you to live in—

a. Some manuscripts say sons of Belial.

13 That ^acorrupt men have risen up among you and enticed and led the inhabitants of their own city astray, saying: Let us go and worship gods; *elohim*, (which you have not known),

14 Then you must inquire, probe, and investigate it thoroughly. And if it is true and it has been proven that such an abomination was committed among you,

15 You shall surely kill the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying; *cherem*, all that is in it with its livestock.

16 ^{G1}Gather all the plunder of that city into the middle of the street, and completely burn the city along with the plunder, as a whole burnt offering to Yahweh your Father. It is to remain a ruin forever, never to be rebuilt.

17 None of those condemned, accursed things shall be found in your hands, so Yahweh will turn away from His fierce wrath and show you mercy, and will have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He promised on oath to your fathers,

18 Because you obey Yahweh your Father, and keep all His Laws I command you this day, to do what is right and Lawful in the eyes of Yahweh your Father.

CHAP. 14

You are the children of Yahweh your Father. You must not cut yourselves, nor shave the front of your heads for the dead;

2 For you are a holy people to Yahweh your Father. Yahweh has chosen you to be a ^{G2}people for Himself, a special treasure over all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

3 You must not eat any abominable thing;

4 These are the animals you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat,

5 The deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the wild goat, the mountain goat, the antelope, and the mountain sheep.

6 And you may eat every animal that has a split hoof completely divided, and that also chews the cud.

7 However, of those that chew the cud or of those that have a split hoof completely divided, you may not eat these: the camel, the rabbit, or the coney. Although they chew the cud, they do not have a split hoof, they are unclean for you.

8 And the swine; *the pig*, is unclean for you; although it has a split hoof, it does not chew the cud. You must not eat their meat, nor touch their carcasses.

9 These you may eat of all that are in the waters: you may eat all that has *both* fins and scales.

10 Whatever does not have *both* fins and scales you must not eat it. It is unclean for you.

11 All clean birds you may eat.

12 But these you must not eat: the eagle, the vulture, the black vulture,

13 The red kite, the black kite, and any kind of falcon,

14 Any kind of raven,

15 The horned owl, the screech owl, the gull, any kind of hawk,

16 The little owl, the great owl, the white owl,

17 The desert owl, the osprey, the cormorant,

18 The stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe, and the bat.

19 All flying insects that swarm are unclean to you; do not eat them.

20 But any winged creature which is clean, you may eat it.

21 Do not eat anything you find already dead. You may give it to a foreigner in any of your towns, and he may eat it, or you may sell it to a stranger. But you are a people holy to Yahweh your Father. You must not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

22 You must ^btruly tithe all your ^{1a}income—grain, ^{1b}money you are paid, animals—year by year.

23 ^{R1}Eat the *Second Tithe* of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks, in front of Yahweh your Father in the place He chooses to establish His Name, thereby learning to reverence Yahweh your Father always.

24 But if the way is too long for you, so you are not able to carry it, or if the place Yahweh your Father has chosen to set His Name is too far from you, when Yahweh your Father has blessed you;

25 Then you are to exchange it into money, take the money into your hand, and you shall go to the place Yahweh your Father chooses.

26 Then you shall spend that money for whatever you desire to have: for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever you desire to have. You shall *then eat* there in front of Yahweh your Father, and you shall rejoice: ^cyou and your household.

27 And do not neglect the Levite who lives within your cities, for he has no part nor inheritance with you.

28 ^dToward the end of every third year you shall bring forth all of your income *designated that year; the Third Tithe*, and ^{G3}store it up within your ^{2e}gates; *The House of Yahweh*.

29 So the ³Levite, *who is also allotted the First Tithe*, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates, may come *to Yahweh's Feasts* and eat, and be ^fsatisfied; so

G1. This shows that no form of godworship (the worship of *elohim*) is so absolutely evil, nor is there any other form of godworship (the worship of *elohim*) that will be so surely and severely punished, as the god-worship (the worship of *elohim*) now being performed by those who once knew Yahweh, and have fallen away. See also Mattithyah 11:20-24 and Hebrews 6:1-6.

G2. Therefore you should not follow the superstitions of the Gentiles.

b. In a true way, exactly as Yahweh prescribes. See Genesis 28:22, Leviticus Chapter 27, Numbers Chapter 18, and Malakiah 3:8-10.

R1. This is the Second Tithe.

c. The whole family is to do this three times a year. Deuteronomy 16:16.

d. This is the Third Tithe. See Deuteronomy 26:12-15. G3. This tithe was for the poor. Mattithyah 19:21.

e. Hebrew *shor*, meaning the Temple (The House of Yahweh) or its courts. *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament* by Brown, Driver, and Briggs, Pages 1044-1045.

f. That is; Receive the Tree of Life. See Revelation 22:14.

1a. Verse 14:22—Hebrew *tabua*. Traditionally translated *increase* or *produce* (referring to agricultural yields). Word #8393, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, shows this word is correctly translated *income*. 1b. Verse 14:22—Hebrew *yatza*. Traditionally translated *produces*. *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*, by Brown, Driver, and Briggs, Page 425, shows this word is correctly translated *money you are paid*. 2. Verse 14:28—See Genesis 28:17. 3. Verse 14:29—The Levites were to receive The First Tenth of all the produce and livestock given to them from all the other tribes. The Levites, in turn, gave one-tenth of what they received to the Aaronic Priests. Numbers 18:26-32.

Yahweh your Father may bless you in all the work of your hands.

CHAP. 15

At the 'end of seven years you shall grant a release.

2 This is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent to his brother shall cancel the loan he has made. He shall not press his brother for payment, for *a release has been proclaimed in honor of Yahweh: Yahweh's Release.*

3 From a foreigner you may press for payment, but you shall release what is owed from your brother.

4 But there should be no poor and needy among you, for Yahweh will greatly bless you in the land Yahweh your Father is giving you to possess as an inheritance—

5 *And there will be no poor and needy among you only if you fully obey Yahweh your Father, and are careful to observe and do all these Laws, which I command you this day;*

6 For Yahweh your Father will bless you, just as He has promised you. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow from them. You shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

7 If there is a poor brother living within any cities in the land Yahweh your Father is giving you, you must not harden your heart nor be tightfisted toward your poor brother.

8 But you must be openhanded to him, and willingly lend him enough of whatever he needs.

9 Be careful not to think this evil thought: The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is very near; and then you have no compassion on your needy brother, and give him nothing. He then just might appeal to Yahweh, and the evil your brother is suffering will come upon you.

10 You must surely give to him, and you will not give to him grudgingly; for you are actually lending to Yahweh; and Yahweh your Father will bless you in all your works, and in all you put your hand to *do*.

11 But the poor will never cease from the land. Therefore I command you, saying: You shall open wide your hand to your poor and needy brother in your land.

12 If your brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, sells himself to you, or is sold to you, and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you must let him go free from you.

13 And when he is released from you, you must not let him go away empty-handed;

14 You must supply him liberally from your flock, from your threshing floor, and from your

winepress. What Yahweh has blessed you with, you are to give to him.

15 You must remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt and Yahweh your Father redeemed you; this is why I command this thing this day.

16 But if he says to you: I do not want to leave you, because he loves you and your household, and is well off with you;

17 Then you shall take an awl, and push it through his ear lobe into the door, and he will be your servant for life. To your maidservant you shall do the same.

18 It must not seem like a hardship to you when you set him free from you, for he has been worth twice as much as that of a hired hand these six years. Then Yahweh your Father will bless you in all that you do.

19 All the firstborn males that come from your herd and your flock, you must sanctify and set apart to Yahweh your Father. You must do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock.

20 You and your household *of the Levites* shall eat it; *meat from the sacrifices of the firstborn animals*, in front of Yahweh your Father year by year at the place Yahweh chooses.

21 If there is any blemish in it; lameness, blindness, or any other defect, you must not sacrifice it to Yahweh your Father;

22 You must eat it within your cities, as you would the gazelle or deer; the ceremonially unclean and the ceremonially clean alike *may eat it*.

23 Only you must not eat its blood; you must pour it on the ground like water.

CHAP. 16

Watch for the ^{R1}Moon of Green Ears of Barley; *Abib*, and ²sacrifice the Passover to Yahweh your Father, for in the Moon of Green Ears of Barley Yahweh your Father brought you out of Egypt by night.

2 Therefore, you must sacrifice the ^{G1}Passover to Yahweh your Father from the flock and the herd, at the place Yahweh chooses to establish His Name.

3 You must eat no leavened bread with it, but for seven days eat unleavened bread; the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), so ³you may remember the day you set out from the land of Egypt all the days of your life.

4 No leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall any of the meat you sacrificed on the evening before

I. Verse 15:1—*Shemittah*: The soil was not to be sown and all debts were cancelled. This Law was intended for an agricultural community, in which each family had its homestead. A debt would only be contracted in a case of dire emergency. The loan was, therefore, an act of charity, rather than a business transaction.

2. Verse 16:1—Erroneously translated *keep* in most modern translations. The Passover Lambs were killed on the Fourteenth Day of the First Moon, beginning around 3:00 in the afternoon, and continuing until sunset. Exodus 12:47-49, Leviticus 23:5, Numbers 9:2-14. 3. Verse 16:3—The children of Israyl set out from Rameses on the Fifteenth Day of the First Moon. Numbers 33:3.

a. Exodus 12:2 and Isayah 2:1-3.

R1. Before it (the New Moon) comes, watch whether it will be capable of producing ripe ears. If not, then watch for the next New Moon.

G1. You shall sacrifice the Passover Lamb.

the first day remain overnight until the morning.

5 You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your cities Yahweh your Father gives you,

6 But only at the place Yahweh your Father chooses to establish His Name. There you must sacrifice the ^{G1}Passover at ^{R1}evening—at the ^{1a}going of the sun—^{1b}at the season you came out of Egypt.

7 And you shall roast and eat it in the place Yahweh your Father chooses, and in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents.

8 ^{R2}Six days you must eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation to Yahweh your Father. You must do no work.

9 You must ^{G2}count seven weeks for yourself. ^{R3}Begin to count the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.

10 Then you shall observe the Feast of Weeks to Yahweh with a proportion of a freewill offering from your hand, which you will give just as Yahweh blesses you.

11 You shall rejoice in front of Yahweh your Father—you and your wife (wives), your son, your daughter, your manservant, your maidservant, the Levite who lives within your city, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widows among you—at the place Yahweh your Father chooses to establish His Name.

12 And you must remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you must be careful to observe and do these statutes.

13 You must ^{G3}observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, after you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress;

14 And you shall rejoice at your Feast—you and your wife (wives), your son, your daughter, your manservant, your maidservant, the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widows in your cities—

15 Seven days you must keep a joyous Feast to Yahweh your Father at the place He will choose, for Yahweh your Father will bless you in all your ²income, and in all the work of your hands, so you will surely have joy.

16 ^aThree times a year all your males shall appear in front of Yahweh your Father at the place He will choose—at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles—and they must not appear in front of Yahweh empty handed;

17 Every man shall give ^{G4}as he is capable of giving, in proportion to the blessing Yahweh your Father has given you.

18 ^{R4}You must appoint judges and officers

in all the cities Yahweh your Father gives you, from each of your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

19 You must not pervert justice. You must not show partiality, nor take a bribe. Because a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.

20 You must follow justice, and only justice, so you may live, and inherit the land Yahweh your Father is giving you.

21 You must not plant a tree to be used as a sacred pole; *Asherah pole (for setting pagan feasts)*, beside the altar which you shall make to Yahweh your Father,

22 And you must also not set up a sacred pillar; *image of the sun-god Baal*—for these Yahweh your Father hates.

CHAP. 17

Do not sacrifice to Yahweh your Father a bull or sheep which has any blemish or defect, for that is an abomination to Yahweh your Father.

2 If there is found among you, within any of your cities Yahweh your Father has given you, a man or ^{G5}woman who has done evil in the sight of Yahweh by transgressing His covenant,

3 And has gone and worshiped and served gods (elohim), bowing down to them, or to the sun, the moon, or the stars of the sky; which I ^{G6}have told you not to do,

4 And this has been brought to your attention, then you must investigate this thoroughly. If it is true, and it has been proven that this abominable thing has been done in Israyl,

5 Then take that man or woman, who has committed this evil deed, to your city gate, and stone that person to death.

6 On the testimony of two or three witnesses may a person be put to death, but no one may be put to death on the testimony of only one witness.

7 The hands of the ^{G7}witnesses must be the first against him to put him to death, then afterward the hands of all the people. In this way you must purge the evil from among you.

8 If a case comes up which is too difficult for you to judge; whether bloodshed, lawsuits, or assaults, then you shall take them to the place Yahweh your Father will choose.

9 Go to the priests, who are Levites, and to the ^{G8}judge who is in office at that time. Ask for their decision, and they will give you the sentence of judgment.

10 You must act according to the sentence they pronounce for you at the place Yahweh chooses. Be careful to do all they order you to do.

11 According to the Law they teach you, you shall do, and according to the decisions they give you, ^{G9}you shall do. You must not turn aside to the right hand nor to the left from the sentence

G1. Which was instituted to put them in remembrance of their deliverance out of Egypt as well as to continue them in the hope of Yahshua Messiah (Yahchanan 8:56), of Whom this lamb was a representation.

R1. From 12:00 Noon until sunset you shall sacrifice the Passover lambs. After sunset you will eat them.

R2. This verse is speaking of the unleavened bread made from the newly harvested grain that was eaten during the second through the seventh day of the Feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread, which were the last six days of this Feast. Unleavened bread was to be eaten the entire seven days of the Feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread (Leviticus 23:6), but unleavened bread made from the newly harvested grain was not eaten until the Wave Sheaf offering of this newly harvested grain was given on the second day of this Feast. Leviticus 23:11-14. So, unleavened bread made from older grain was eaten on the first day of this Feast, and as soon as the Wave Sheaf was offered on the second day of this Feast, unleavened bread made from the newly harvested grain was now eaten during the second through seventh day of the Feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread, or the last six days of the Feast.

G2. The Omer count begins the day after the Passover Seder. Leviticus 23:15.

R3. The Omer count begins on the 16th of Abib (Babylonian Nisan).

G3. The Feast of Tabernacles commences on the fifteenth day of the seventh moon. See Leviticus 23:42.

a. Concerning the Second Tithes, see Deuteronomy 14:23-26.

G4. According to the blessings Yahweh has given him.

R4. Judges are to be appointed who will give knowledgeable and righteous decisions.

1a. Verse 16:6—The word *down* has been ADDED by the translators in Deuteronomy 16:6; it is NOT in the Hebrew text. For further study, read *Deceptions Concerning Yahweh's Calendar of Events*.

1b. Verse 16:6—The Passover Lambs were killed the SEASON when the Barley is in the Green Ear. Exodus 9:31-32, Deuteronomy 16:1. 2. Verse 16:15—See Footnote on Deuteronomy 14:22.

G5. This shows that how strong or weak a person is, is to have no bearing as to the establishment of guilt or innocence, as well as the fitting punishment, if this person has committed a crime.

G6. Yahweh condemns all religion and service not commanded by Him.

G7. By being the first to lay hands on the guilty party in order to put him to death, the witnesses to the crime testify that their witness is indeed true.

G8. The judges will give sentence according to the counsel of the priests.

G9. You shall obey their sentence so that the controversy may be ended.

they pronounce for you.

12 The man who acts presumptuously, and shows contempt for the priest who stands to minister in front of Yahweh your Father, or for the judge, that man must be put to death. In this way you will purge the evil from Israyl.

13 Then all the people shall hear of it and will be afraid, and no one will *ever* act contemptuously again.

14 When you enter the land Yahweh your Father is giving you, and have taken possession of it, and are living in it, and you say: Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us.

15 Then be sure you set a king over you whom Yahweh your Father chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. He must not be a foreigner who is not your brother.

16 He must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for Yahweh has told you: You must not go back that way again.

17 He must not be ruled by his wives, nor is he to be ruled by silver and gold; or his heart; *his understanding*, will be ^{G1}led astray.

18 When he sits on the throne of his kingdom, then he shall ^{R1}write for himself a copy of this Law (borrowed from the priests who are Levites), on a scroll.

19 It is to remain with him, and he is to study it all the days of his life, so he may learn to reverence Yahweh his Father by carefully observing all the words of this Law and these statutes;

20 So he may not become proud and think himself better than his ^{G2}brothers, and turn away to the right hand or the left from this Law. Then he and his descendants will rule a long time in the midst of the kingdom.

CHAP. 18

The priests, who are Levites—truly the whole tribe of Levi—are to have no part nor inheritance with Israyl. They shall live on the offerings made to Yahweh by fire, for that is their portion.

2 They shall have no inheritance among their brothers. Yahweh is their inheritance, just as He said to them.

3 This shall be the priest's share from the people who kill a bull or a sheep. The shoulder, the cheeks, and the inner parts.

4 You are to give them the firstfruits of your grain, new wine, oil, and the first fleece from the shearing of your sheep;

5 For Yahweh your Father has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to minister in the Name of Yahweh; he and his sons forever.

6 If a Levite comes from any of your cities where he had been living among Israyl, and comes with all ^{G3}earnestness of mind to the place Yahweh chooses;

7 Then he may serve in the Name of Yahweh his Father, just like all his fellow brothers, the Levites, who serve in front of Yahweh.

8 He is to share equally in their benefits, even if he has received money from the sale of family possessions.

9 When you come into the land Yahweh your Father is giving you, do not learn to follow the abominable ways of those nations.

10 Let there not be found among you one who sacrifices his son or his daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft,

11 Casts spells, or who consults familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 Anyone who practices these is abominable to Yahweh, and because of these abominable practices, Yahweh your Father is driving out the nations in front of you.

13 You must be ^{G4}perfect in front of Yahweh your Father.

14 These nations, which you are driving out, now listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, Yahweh your Father has *definitely* not appointed such things to you.

15 Yahweh your Father will raise up for you a Prophet, like me, from the midst of your own brothers. Him you must listen to.

16 For this is what you asked of Yahweh at Horeb, on the day you gathered together, saying: Let us not hear the voice of Yahweh our Father, nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.

17 Then Yahweh said to me: What they have spoken is the truth.

18 **¶**I will raise up for them a ^aProphet like you from among their brothers, and I will put My ^bwords in His ^{G5}mouth, and He will tell them everything I command Him.

19 Whoever will not listen to My ^cwords, which He speaks in My Name, I will ^{G6}judge him for it.

20 But a prophet who ^{1,d}deliberately, wilfully, and knowingly ^espeaks a ^fword in My Name, which I have not commanded him to say, ^gand who speaks in the name of any ^hgod (el), that prophet must be put to death.

21 And you may say to yourself: How can we know when a message has not been spoken by Yahweh?

22 ^{2a}If what a prophet proclaims in the Name of Yahweh does not come to pass, or does not come true: that is a message Yahweh has not spoken. That prophet has ^{2b}deliberately, wilfully, and knowingly spoken what is not true. Do not ^{2c}reverence him.

I. Verse 18:20—See Footnote **2b** of Verse 18:22 below. **2a.** Verse 18:22—The Prophet is bound by the Torah, The Law; and the Prophet and Priest worked side by side. As guardians of The Law of Yahweh, the prophets never preached the abrogation of (the “changing” or the “doing away with”) the LAW, and the righteous priest never held that one could shelter himself from the Judgment of Yahweh against his moral wickedness and unlawful conduct behind sacrifices. **2b.** Verse 18:22—Hebrew root *zud*, meaning *a person who sins (teaches false doctrine) not ignorantly or inadvertently, but wilfully, knowingly, of set purpose.* *Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies*, Page 325. **2c.** Hebrew *gur*. Traditionally translated *be afraid* or *follow*. *A Hebrew and Chaldean Lexicon to the Old Testament* by Julius Furst, Page 275, shows this word is correctly translated *reverence*.

G4. Without hypocrisy, or a mixture of false religion.

a. Words #5012 and #5030, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: *discourse*.

b. **b, c, e** and **f** all refer to Word #1696, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: *commandment, words, advice, answer, decree, deed, song, thought, work*.

G5. This promise is not only made to Yahshua Messiah, but to all who have been set apart by Yahweh to teach in His Name.

c. See **b**

G6. By executing punishment upon him.

d. Word #2102, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: *to be insolent, to proudly speak*.

e. See **b**

f. See **b**

g. Hebrew conjunction *waw*. Correctly translated *and*. *The Hebraic Tongue Restored* by Fabre d'Olivet, Pages 112-113.

h. That is; The laws of gods (elohim) like Zeus. *Collier's Encyclopedia*, Volume 23, Page 763. See also book: *Reconsidering Yahweh's Laws of Marriage and Slavery Obligations*, published by The House of Yahweh, P.O. Box 2498, Abilene, Texas 79604, USA.

G1. From the Law of Yahweh.

R1. The king is to carry a copy of *The Book of Yahweh* wherever he goes.

G2. Kings should love their subjects as themselves.

G3. Meaning: To serve Yahweh in honesty, and not to seek ease.

CHAP. 19

When Yahweh your Father has destroyed the nations whose land Yahweh your Father is giving you, and you drive them out, and live in their cities and in their houses,

2 You must set apart three cities, centrally located, for yourself in the land Yahweh your Father is giving you to possess.

3 Build roads to them, and divide the land into three parts, which Yahweh your Father is giving you as an inheritance, so that anyone who kills a man may flee there.

4 These are the deciding factors for the man who may live after he flees there: *He will be* one who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without premeditated malice.

5 *For instance:* when a man goes to the woods with his brother to cut timber, and as he swings his ax to fell a tree, the head may fly off, hitting his brother and killing him. That man ^{G1}may flee to one of these cities, and live.

6 *Otherwise,* if the distance is too far, the blood-avenger might pursue him in a rage, overtake him, and kill him, even though he does not deserve to die; since he had not hated his brother in time past.

7 That is why I command you to set aside for yourselves three cities.

8 If Yahweh your Father enlarges your territory, as He promised on oath to your fathers, and gives you the whole territory He promised them;

9 Because you shall keep all these Laws, to do them, which I command you this day, to love Yahweh your Father, and to walk always in His ways, then you must add three more cities for yourself, beside these three,

10 Or innocent blood may be shed in the midst of your land which Yahweh your Father is giving you as an inheritance, and you will be guilty of shedding blood.

11 However, if someone hates his brother, and lies in wait for him, then attacks and kills him, and then flees to one of these cities,

12 The elders of the city he came from shall send for him, bring him back from the city of *refuge*, and hand him over to the blood-avenger to die.

13 You must not ^{G2}show pity to him. You must purge from Israyl the guilt of shedding innocent blood, so that it may go well with you.

14 You must not remove your brother's landmark, which your predecessors have set in your inheritance, which you will inherit in the land Yahweh your Father is giving you.

15 One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. Only by the mouth of two or three witnesses may the matter be established.

16 If a false witness rises against any man to accuse him of any wrongdoing,

17 Then both men involved in the controversy must stand in front of Yahweh; in front of the priests and the judges who officiate at that time.

18 The judges must make a thorough investigation, and if the witness proves to be a false witness, giving false testimony against his brother:

19 Then do to him as he intended to do to his brother. In this way you must purge the evil from among you.

20 Then the rest of the people will hear of this and be afraid, and never again will such an evil thing be done among you.

21 You must show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAP. 20

When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, chariots, and people more numerous than yourself, do not be afraid, for Yahweh your Father, Who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you.

2 When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward, and address the men of war,

3 And he shall say to them: Hear, O Israyl: Today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be faint-hearted, do not be afraid, do not tremble nor be terrified because of them;

4 For Yahweh your Father is He Who ^{G3}goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, and gives you victory.

5 Then the officers shall address the men of war, saying: Has anyone built a new house and not dedicated it? Let him go home, or he may die in battle, and someone else may dedicate it.

6 Has anyone planted a vineyard and not begun to enjoy it? Let him go home, or he may die in battle, and someone else enjoy it.

7 Has anyone become betrothed to a woman and not married her? Let him go home, or he may die in battle, and someone else marry her.

8 Then the officers shall add: Is any man afraid or faint-hearted? Let him go home, so that his brothers will not become faint-hearted as well.

9 When the officers have finished speaking to the men of war, they shall then appoint captains over *the army* to lead the men.

10 When you march up to a city to battle against it, first proclaim an offer of peace to *the people of that city*.

11 If they accept your offer of peace, and open their gates to you, all the people in it shall be subject to forced labor, and shall work for

G1. So that innocent blood will not be shed for an accidental death.

G2. Whoever pardons murder transgresses the Law of Yahweh.

G3. Yahweh is always present to defend you with His mercy and power.

you.

12 But if the city will not make peace with you, but would engage you in battle, then you shall besiege it.

13 Then, when Yahweh your Father delivers it into your hands, you shall kill every man in it with the edge of the sword.

14 But the women, the children, the livestock, and everything that is in that city, shall be plunder for you, and you shall use it for yourself, and you shall eat the plunder of your enemies, which Yahweh your Father will have given you.

15 In this way you shall treat all the cities that are far distant from you, which are not of the cities of the nations nearby.

16 But, in the cities of the nations which Yahweh your Father is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes.

17 You must utterly and completely destroy them; *cherem*—the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Yebusite—just as Yahweh your Father has commanded you;

18 Or they will teach you to follow all their abominations that they have done to their gods (elohim), and you will sin against Yahweh your Father.

19 When you besiege a city for a long time while making war against it, you must not destroy its trees by cutting them down. If you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, because you can use them for food.

20 Only the trees you know are not fruit trees you may destroy, and cut down to build siegeworks against that city, until that city falls.

CHAP. 21

If anyone is found ^{G1}slain, lying in a field in the land Yahweh your Father is giving you to possess, and it is not known who killed him,

2 Then your elders and your judges shall go out, and measure *the distance* from the body to the neighboring cities.

3 Then the elders of the city nearest the body shall take a heifer that has never been worked, and which has not pulled with a yoke;

4 And lead her down to a valley that has not been plowed or planted, and where there is a flowing stream. There, in the valley, they are to break the heifer's neck.

5 The priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for Yahweh your Father has chosen them to minister, and to pronounce blessings in the Name of Yahweh, and to decide all cases of controversy and assault.

6 Then all the elders of the city nearest the body shall wash their hands over the heifer, whose neck was broken in the valley,

7 And they shall declare: Our hands did not shed this blood, nor did our eyes see it done.

8 Accept this atonement for Your people

Israyl, whom You have redeemed, O Yahweh, and do not hold Your people guilty of the blood of an innocent man. And the bloodshed shall be atoned for.

9 ^{R1}In this way you will purge from yourselves the guilt of shedding innocent blood, since you have done *that which* is right in the sight of Yahweh.

10 When you go to war against your enemies, and Yahweh delivers them into your hands; and you take captives,

11 If you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and are attracted to her, you may take her as your wife.

12 Bring her into your home; and ^{G2}have her shave her head, trim her nails,

13 And put aside the clothes she was wearing when captured. After she has lived in your house, and mourned her father and mother for a full moon, then you may go to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

14 But if you are not pleased with her, let her go wherever she desires; but you certainly shall not sell her for money, nor treat her like a slave, because you have humbled her.

15 If a man has two wives, one loved more, and the other loved less, and they both bear him sons, but the firstborn is the son of the wife he loves less,

16 When he wills his property to his sons, he must not give the rights of the firstborn to the son of the wife he loves more, in preference to his actual firstborn; the son of the wife he loves less.

17 He must acknowledge the son of his less loved wife as the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all he has. That son is the first sign of his father's strength. ^{G3}The right of the firstborn belongs to him.

18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and will not listen to them, even after they have disciplined him,

19 Then his father and his mother will take him out to the elders in the gate of his city,

20 And they shall say to the elders of his city; This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is living riotously, and is a drunkard.

21 Then all the men of his city shall ^{G4}stone him to death with stones. In this way you must purge the evil from among you. All Israyl will then hear of it, and be afraid.

22 If a man is proven guilty of a capital offense, and is put to death, and his body is hanged on a tree,

23 His body must not remain overnight on the tree. You must surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which Yahweh your Father is giving you as an inheritance. He who is hanged is 'accursed of Yahweh.

R1. If the murderer be found after the heifer's neck is broken, he nevertheless shall be put to death.

G2. Signifying that she must be converted to Yahweh's way, leaving her former life behind, before she could be joined to Yahweh's people. See Riyyah 1:16.

G3. Unless he proves himself unworthy, as did Reuben, Yaaqob's first son. Genesis 35:22, 49:3-4.

G4. This is the same punishment given to blasphemers and godworshippers (worshippers of elohim), showing how grievous a sin it is for one to disobey his parents or rulers.

G1. This Law shows how grievous the crime of murder is.

I. Verse 21:23—The judges of Israyl sentenced according to Yahweh's Law; therefore, according to the Judgments of Yahweh, they pronounced the death penalty against the accursed.

CHAP. 22

You shall not see your neighbor's ox or his sheep straying away, and ^{G1}ignore it. Be sure to take it back to your neighbor.

2 If your neighbor does not live ^{G2}near you, or if you do not know who he is, then take it home with you and keep it until he comes looking for it. Then give it back to him.

3 You shall do the same for his ^{G3}donkey, for his garment, or for anything else your neighbor has lost and you have found. You must not ignore it.

4 You shall not see your neighbor's donkey or his ox fallen on the road, and ignore it. Be sure to help it get to its feet.

5 A woman must not wear that which pertains to a man, and a man must not put on a woman's garment. All who do so are an abomination to Yahweh your Father.

6 If you come across a bird's nest beside the way, either in a tree or on the ground, and the mother is sitting on the young or on the eggs, ^{G4}do not take the mother with the young.

7 Be sure to let the mother go, then take the young for yourself, that it may go well with you and you may have a long life.

8 When you build a new house, then you must make a parapet for your roof, so you may not bring the guilt of bloodshed upon your house if anyone falls from it.

9 You must not plant two kinds of seed in your vineyard. If you do, not only the crops you plant but also the fruit of the vineyard will be defiled.

10 You must not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

11 You must not wear clothing of wool and linen woven together.

12 You must make tzitzit on the four corners of the tallit with which you cover yourself.

13 If any man takes a wife, and after having sexual relations with her, ^adislikes her;

14 And slanders her, giving her a bad name, by saying: I took this woman, and when I had *sexual* relations with her, I found she was not a virgin.

15 Then the father and mother of the young woman shall bring proof that she was a virgin to the city elders at the gate.

16 The young woman's father shall say to the elders: I gave my daughter to this man as his wife, but he dislikes her.

17 Now he has charged her with shameful conduct by saying: I found your daughter was not a virgin, but here is the evidence of my daughter's virginity. Then they shall spread the cloth in front of the elders of the city.

18 Then the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him;

19 They shall fine him one hundred shekels

of silver; *that is, about 2 1/2 pounds*, and give it to the father of the young woman, because he has brought a bad name upon a virgin of Israyl. She shall continue to be his wife, and he cannot divorce her as long as he lives.

20 However, if his charge is true, and *evidences of her virginity* are not found,

21 Then the young woman shall be brought to the door of her father's house, and there the men of her city shall stone her to death. She has done a dishonorable thing in Israyl by being promiscuous while still in her father's house. In this way you must purge the evil from among you.

22 If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall be put to death; the man that lay with the woman, and also the woman. In this way you must purge the evil from among you.

23 If a young woman, a virgin who is betrothed to a husband, is found by a man in the city and he has sexual relations with her,

24 Then you must bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones; the young woman because she did not cry out, and the man because he humbled his brother's wife. In this way you must purge the evil from among you.

25 However, if a man comes up on a betrothed young woman in the countryside, and the man forcefully has sexual relations with her, then only the man who lay with her shall be put to death.

26 You must do nothing to the young woman; she has committed no sin deserving of death. ^{G5}This is the same example as when someone attacks and murders his brother.

27 For the man found the young woman in the countryside; and *though* the young woman screamed for help, there was no one to aid her.

28 If a man comes upon a young woman, a virgin who is not betrothed, and he takes her and has sexual relations with her—when they are found out;

29 Then the man who had sexual relations with her shall pay the young woman's father fifty shekels of silver; *that is, about 1 1/4 pounds*, then she shall be his wife because he has humbled her. He shall not be permitted to divorce her as long as he lives.

30 A man is not to marry his father's wife; he must not dishonor his father's bed.

CHAP. 23

No one who has been *voluntarily* emasculated by crushing or cutting may be counted as belonging to the congregation of Yahweh.

2 No one born of a forbidden marriage, nor his descendants, shall enter the congregation of Yahweh; even to the tenth generation.

G1. As if you never saw it.

G2. We must show brotherly love not only to those who live near us, but to those who live far away as well.

G3. You are to do even more for any person who belongs to your brother.

G4. If Yahweh detests cruelty done to little birds, how much more does Yahweh detest cruelty done to his children, who are made in His image? See Mattithyah 6:26.

a. Word #8130, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: *hate*.

G5. An innocent man or woman cannot be punished.

3 An Ammonite, or a Moabite, or their descendants, shall not enter the congregation of Yahweh, even to the tenth generation;

4 Because they did not ^{G1}meet you on the road with food and water when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor in Aram Naharaim; *Northwest Mesopotamia*, to pronounce a curse upon you.

5 However, Yahweh your Father would not listen to Balaam, but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because Yahweh your Father loves you.

6 You ^{G2}shall not seek their peace, nor brotherly relations with them, as long as you live.

7 However, you must not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother. You must not abhor an Egyptian, for you were an alien in his land;

8 The children of the third generation born to them may enter the congregation of Yahweh.

9 When you are encamped against your enemies, keep yourself from every impure thing.

10 If one of your men becomes unclean because of a nocturnal emission, he is to go outside the camp, and stay there;

11 But as evening approaches, he is to wash himself, and at sunset he may return to the camp.

12 Designate a place outside the camp where you may go to relieve yourself.

13 As part of your equipment, have something to dig with, then when you do relieve yourself, *first* dig a hole, and afterwards ^{G3}cover up your excrement;

14 For Yahweh your Father moves about in the midst of your camp, to protect you and to give your enemies over to you; therefore, your camp must be holy, so He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you.

15 If a slave has escaped from his owner to take refuge with you, do not hand him back over to his owner.

16 He may live among you wherever he chooses; in your cities, or where it seems best to him. You must not oppress him.

17 There shall be no prostitutes of the sons and daughters of Israyl; *practicing sodomy and prostitution in the abominable rituals of the pagan temples*.

18 You must not bring the ^{G4}hire of a ^aharlot; *the earnings of a female prostitute*, or the price of a dog; *the earnings of a male prostitute*, into The House of Yahweh your Father for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to Yahweh your Father.

19 You must not charge interest to your brother—interest on money, food, or anything else that may earn interest.

20 You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your brother you must not charge interest,

so that Yahweh your Father may ^{G5}bless you in all that you set your hand to do, in the land you are entering to possess.

21 If you make a vow to Yahweh, you must not delay to pay it, for Yahweh your Father will certainly demand it of you, and you will be guilty of sin.

22 But if you refrain from even making the vow *in the first place*, you will not be sinning;

23 Whatever goes out of your mouth, you must be sure to do, because you made your vow freely, *of your own free will*, to Yahweh your Father with your own mouth.

24 When you enter into your brother's vineyard, you may eat all the grapes you please, but you must not put any in any container.

25 When you enter into your brother's standing grain, ^byou may pick kernels with your hands, but you must not put a sickle to his standing grain.

CHAP. 24

When a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him, ^cbecause he finds some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her, and sends her from his house—

2 And if, after she leaves his house, she becomes the wife of another man,

3 And then that man also detests her, and writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her, and sends her from his house—or that man dies, leaving her a widow,

4 Then her first husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled. That is an abomination in front of Yahweh, and you must not bring sin upon the land which Yahweh your Father is giving you as an inheritance.

5 If a man has become recently married, he must not be sent to war or be charged with any other duty; but he shall be free at home one year, and bring joyfulness to his wife he has married.

6 Do not take an upper millstone or a lower ^{G6}millstone as security for a debt, because that would be taking a man's living as security.

7 If a man is caught kidnapping one of his brothers of the children of Israyl, and treats him as a slave or sells him, the kidnapper must be put to death. In this way you will purge the evil from among you.

8 Be very careful during an outbreak of leprosy or infectious skin disease, that you diligently observe and do exactly as the priests, who are Levites, teach and instruct you. You must follow carefully what I have commanded them;

9 Remember what Yahweh your Father did to Miriam along the way when you came out

G1. Here Yahweh condemns all who oppose His children.

G2. You shall have nothing to do with them.

G3. Meaning that Yahweh's people should be clean both in body and spirit.

G4. Yahweh forbids anything acquired by evil practices or means to be allowed to be given to Yahweh's House.

a. Word #2181, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, Meaning: a whore.

G5. If you show charity to your brother, Yahweh will declare His love toward you.

b. Yahshua Messiah's disciples plucked grain to eat on the Sabbath. Mattithyah 12:1.

c. This is fornication.

G6. Nor anything else by which a man makes his living.

of Egypt.

10 When you make a loan of any kind to your brother, do not go into his house to get what he is offering as security.

11 You shall stand outside and let the man bring the security out to you.

12 If the man is poor, you must not hold his cloak; *security*, overnight.

13 You must, in this case, return his cloak to him before the sun goes down, so he may sleep in his own garment. Then he will bless you, and it shall be accounted to you as righteousness in front of Yahweh your Father.

14 ^{R1}Do not take advantage of a hired man who is poor and needy, whether one of your brothers or one of the strangers living in your cities.

15 Pay him his wages each day before sunset, because he is poor and is counting on it. Otherwise, he just might cry out to Yahweh against you, and you will be guilty of sin.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall the children be put to death because of their fathers. A person must be put to death because of his own sin.

17 You must not pervert the justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor shall you take the cloak of the widow as security.

18 You must remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and Yahweh your Father redeemed you from there. It is because of this that I command you to do this thing.

19 When you are gathering the harvest in your field, and forget to pick up a sheaf, you must not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, so Yahweh your Father may bless you in all the work of your hands.

20 When you beat the olives from your trees, you must not go over the boughs twice; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.

21 When you harvest the grapes of your vineyard, do not go over the vines again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.

22 You must remember you were slaves in the land of Egypt. It is because of this that I command you to do this thing.

CHAP. 25

When men have a dispute between them, they are to come to court so the judges may decide the case, acquitting the innocent and condemning the guilty.

2 If the guilty man deserves to be beaten, the judge shall make him lie down and have him whipped in his presence with the number of lashes his crime deserves,

3 But he must not give him more than forty lashes. If he is whipped more than that, your brother will be degraded in your sight.

4 Do not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.

5 If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband's brother must take her and marry her to perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her.

6 The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so his name will not be blotted out from Israyl.

7 But if a man does not want to marry his brother's wife, she shall go to the elders at the city gate and say: My husband's brother refuses to carry on his brother's name in Israyl. He will not perform the duty of a brother-in-law to me.

8 Then the elders of his city shall summon him and talk to him. If he stands firm and says; I do not want to marry her;

9 Then his brother's widow shall go up to him in the presence of the elders, take off one of his sandals, spit in his face, and say; This is what is done to the man who will not build up his brother's house.

10 Then his name in Israyl shall be called: The house of him who had his sandal removed.

11 If two men are fighting and the wife of one of them comes to rescue her husband from the one attacking him, and she reaches out and seizes him by his genitals,

12 You shall cut off her hand. Show her no pity.

13 Do not have two differing weights in your bag—one light and one heavy.

14 Do not have two differing measures in your house—one small and one large.

15 You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so your days may be long in the land which Yahweh your Father is giving you.

16 For all who deal dishonestly and behave unrighteously, are an abomination to Yahweh your Father.

17 Remember what the Amalekites did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt;

18 *Amalek* met you on your journey and attacked all the stragglers in the rear rank, when you were tired and weary. *Amalek* did not reverence Yahweh.

19 Therefore, when Yahweh your Father has given you rest from your enemies all around you, in the land Yahweh your Father is giving you to possess as an inheritance, then blot out the ¹remembrance; *memory*, of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget this!

I. Verse 25:19—The Destruction of Amalek: I Samuyl 15:1-33.

R1. You shall not suppress the wages of a hired servant who is poor and needy.

CHAP. 26

When you come into the land Yahweh your Father is giving you as an inheritance, and you have taken possession of it, and are living in it;

2 You must take some of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which you shall bring from the land Yahweh your Father has given you; and you must put it in a basket, and go to the place Yahweh your Father will choose to ^{G1}establish His Name,

3 And say to the one who is priest in those days: I declare unto Yahweh my Father this day, that I have come to the country which Yahweh vowed on oath to our forefathers to give us.

4 Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand, and set it down in front of the altar of Yahweh your Father;

5 And you shall declare in front of Yahweh your Father, and say: My father was a wandering ^{G2}Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people, and lived there, and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.

6 But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us.

7 Then we ^{G3}cried out to Yahweh, the Father of our fathers, and Yahweh heard our voice and looked on our affliction, our labor, and our oppression.

8 So Yahweh brought us up out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm; with great terror, and with signs and wonders.

9 He brought us into this place, and gave us this land; a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I ^{G4}have brought the first-fruits of the land, which You, O Yahweh, have given me. Then you shall set it before Yahweh your Father, and worship before Yahweh your Father;

11 And you shall rejoice in every fine thing Yahweh your Father has given to you and your house, and to the Levite, and to the stranger who is among you.

12 When you have finished setting aside your tithes of all your ^{1a,a}income in the third year, the year of the *Third Tithe*, you shall give it for the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, so they may eat in your ^{1b}gates, and be satisfied.

13 Then you shall ^{G5}vow in front of Yahweh your Father; I have removed this holy portion; *my First Tithe*, from my house, and also I have given *my Third Tithe* for the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all

Your Laws which You have commanded me. I have not transgressed Your Laws, nor have I forgotten *them*.

14 I have not eaten *my Tithe* in reverence to any god (el, teraph) nor have I removed *my Tithe* while I was unclean, nor have I offered any of *my Tithe* to the dead. I have obeyed Yahweh my Father; I have done everything You have commanded me.

15 Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israyl and the land You have given us, just as You vowed on oath to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.

16 This day Yahweh your Father commands you to observe and do these statutes and judgments. Therefore, you shall be careful to observe and do them with all your heart, and with all your soul.

17 This day you have declared Yahweh to be your Father, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His Laws, and His judgments, and that you will obey Him.

18 And Yahweh has also declared this day that you are His special people, His treasured possession as He has promised, and that you are to keep all His Laws.

19 He has declared that He will set you high above all nations He has made—in praise, in name, and in honor—that you may be a holy people to Yahweh your Father, just as He has promised.

CHAP. 27

Then Mosheh, with the elders of Israyl, ^{G6}commanded the people, saying: Keep all these Laws, which I command you this day.

2 And on the day you cross over the Yordan, to the land Yahweh your Father is giving you, you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and coat them with plaster.

3 You shall write on them all the words of this Law, when you have crossed over to enter the land Yahweh your Father is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, just as Yahweh, the Father of your fathers, has promised you.

4 And when you have crossed the Yordan, set up these stones on Mount Ebal, as I command you this day, and coat them with plaster.

5 Build the altar of Yahweh your Father with stones. Do not use any iron *or other metal* tool upon it.

6 Use whole; *unaltered*, stones to build the altar of Yahweh your Father; and offer burnt offerings on it to Yahweh your Father.

7 You shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice in front of Yahweh your Father;

8 And you shall write very ^{G7}clearly all the words of this Law on these stones you have set up.

G1. To be called upon, served, and worshipped spiritually.

G2. This was Yaaqob, who served 20 years in Aramea.

G3. Acknowledging the promises made to our fathers Abraham Isaac, and Yaaqob.

G4. In thanksgiving, mindful of Yahweh's blessings.

a. Word #8393, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: income, produce, gain, increase, fruit, or revenue.

G5. Without hypocrisy.

G6. As Yahweh's minister.

G7. That everyone is able to read it and understand it.

1a, Verse 26:12—See Footnote on Deuteronomy 14:22. **1b**, Verse 26:12—GATES: Genesis 28:17 identifies THE HOUSE OF YAHWEH as that perfect government based upon perfect Laws, which is the GATE (opening) to Yahweh's Kingdom. See Booklet *What Yahweh's Feasts Mean to You*, Pages 78-80. All tithes are to be brought to THE HOUSE OF YAHWEH, the PLACE WHERE YAHWEH has established His Name (Deuteronomy 12:1-11), so that the needy may be able to keep His Feasts at His House. Malakayah 3:10.

R1. On each day it should appear to you as though this was the first day you entered the Covenant with Yahweh. G1. Yahweh has bound you to this condition. If you are to be His people, you must obey His Laws.

G2. If the people will not obey Yahweh out of love, they should be made to obey out of fear.

G3. Yahweh condemns all injury and extortion. R2. This means one who gives one who is inexperienced bad advice. G4. This is he who does not help or give righteous counsel to his brother.

R3. This is speaking of one who slanders or backbites. G5. Yahweh, Who sees in secret will avenge this sin. II Samuyl 12:12.

a. Word #6965, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* meaning: to uphold, carry out. This word appears also in Isayah 44:26 and Daniyl 9:11.

G6. Yahweh will make you the most excellent of people.

9 Then Mosheh and the priests, who are Levites, spoke to all Israyl, saying; Be silent, O Israyl, and listen. ^{R1}This day you have become the people of Yahweh your father.

10 ^{G1}ObeY the voice of Yahweh your Father by observing and doing His Laws and His statutes, which I command you this day.

11 And Mosheh commanded the people on the same day, saying;

12 When you have crossed the Yardan, these tribes shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Yahdah, Issachar, Yahseph, and Benyamin;

13 And these tribes shall stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce ^{G2}curses: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali;

14 And the Levites shall recite to all the children of Israyl in a loud voice, saying:

15 Cursed is the one who makes any carved image of, or casts with a mold, a god (el)—a thing abominable to Yahweh, the work of the craftsman's hands—and sets it up in secret. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

16 Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother without honor; treating them with contempt. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

17 Cursed is the one who moves his neighbor's ^{G3}landmark; *his boundary stone*. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

18 ^{R2}Cursed is the one who leads the ^{G4}blind astray on the road. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

19 Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

20 Cursed is the one who has sexual relations with his father's wife, for he dishonors his father's bed. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

21 Cursed is the one who has sexual relations with any kind of animal. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

22 Cursed is the one who has sexual relations with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

23 Cursed is the one who has sexual relations with his mother-in-law. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

24 ^{R3}Cursed is the one who kills his brother ^{G5}secretly. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

25 Cursed is the one who takes a bribe to kill an innocent person. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

26 Cursed is the one who does not ^auphold every word of this Law, by carrying it out. Then all the people shall say: So be it.

CHAP. 28

And it will be, if you will listen diligently to the voice of Yahweh your Father, by observing and doing all His Laws which I command you this day, that Yahweh your Father will ^{G6}set

you high above all the nations on earth ^bas *His kings and priests*.

2 And all these blessings will ^{G7}come upon you, and accompany you, because you obey Yahweh your Father:

3 Blessed will you be in the ^{G8}city, and blessed will you be in the country.

4 Blessed will be the ^{G9}fruit of your body, the produce of your ground, and the young of your livestock: the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

5 Blessed will be your basket and your storehouse.

6 Blessed will you be when you ^{G10}come in, and blessed will you be when you go out.

7 Yahweh will cause your enemies, who rise up against you, to be defeated in front of you; they will come out against you from one direction, but flee from you in seven directions.

8 Yahweh will send a blessing on your barns and storehouses, and in everything you set your ^{G11}hand to do. Yahweh will bless you in the land which Yahweh your Father is giving you.

9 Yahweh will establish you as His holy people unto Himself, as He promised you on oath, if you will keep the Laws of Yahweh your Father, and walk in all His ways.

10 Then all the people on the earth will see that you are ^{G12}called by the Name of Yahweh, and they will fear you.

11 Yahweh will grant you plenteous possessions—in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground—in the land Yahweh vowed on oath to your forefathers to give you.

12 ^{G13}Yahweh will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bountiful treasure, to send rain upon your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations, but you will borrow from none.

13 Yahweh will make you the head, and not the tail. You will be at the top only, and never be at the bottom, if you will pay attention to the Laws of Yahweh your Father, which I command you this day, and are *then* careful to observe and do them.

14 *For if you diligently observe and do all of Yahweh's Law*, then you will not turn aside from any of the Laws which I command you this day, to the right hand nor to the left; *by* going after any god (el) to serve it.

15 However, if you do not obey Yahweh your Father, and do not carefully follow all His ^cLaws and His statutes, which I command you this day, then all these ^dcurses will ^ecome upon you, and accompany you:

16 Cursed will you be in the city, and cursed will you be in the country.

17 Cursed will be your basket and your ^fstorehouse.

18 Cursed will be the ^gfruit of your body, the produce of your land, the calves of your herds, and the lambs of your flocks.

19 Cursed will you be when you come in, and cursed will you be when you go out.

b. Exodus 19:6 and Revelation 20:6.

G7. When you think yourself to be forsaken.

G8. You shall live in abundance.

G9. Your children and succession.

G10. All your enterprises will succeed.

G11. Yahweh will bless us if we will do our duty and not be idle.

G12. In that Yahweh is your Father, and you are His people.

G13. Nothing in the earth is truly profitable unless Yahweh is sending His blessings from heaven.

c. Hebrew *matzot*. Traditionally translated commandments or unleavened bread. The *Hebrew-Aramaic-English Dictionary* by Marcus Jastrow, Volume 1, Page 824, shows this word is correctly translated all 613 Laws of Yahweh, which both the words commandments and unleavened bread represent. I Corinthians 5:8.

d. Fear, misery, death, sickness, robbery, rape, hate murder, war, etc.

e. It is following Satan that causes these curses. Amosah 3:9-11.

f. Chagyah 1:5-9, Malakiah 3:6-9.

g. In 1991 CE alone, medical records show that there were 129,000 cases of syphilis, 620,000 cases of gonorrhea, and 43,672 cases of AIDS that were reported to medical authorities.

20 Yahweh will send upon you curses, confusion, and rebuke, in everything you put your hand to do, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin, because of the wickedness you have done in forsaking Me.

21 Yahweh will make the plagues cling to you, until He has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess.

22 ^aYahweh will strike you with 'consumption, with a fever, with an inflammation, with scorching heat, with the ^{R1}sword, with ^bblasting, and with mildew; they will stay with you, until you perish.

23 And the heaven that is over your heads shall be ^{G1}brass, and the earth under you shall be iron.

24 Yahweh shall make the rain of your land powder and dust: from heaven it shall come down upon you, until you are destroyed.

25 Yahweh will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you will go out in one direction against them, and flee in seven directions in front of them. ^{R2}You will be an awe-inspiring spectacle to all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 Your carcasses will be food for all the birds of the air, and the beasts of the earth; and there will be no one to frighten them away.

27 Yahweh will afflict you with the 'disease of Egypt, with ^dtumors, with festering sores, and the itch—from which you cannot be healed.

28 Yahweh will afflict you with madness; *spiritual* blindness, and confusion of mind.

29 And you shall grope at noonday; *reduced to blind helplessness*, just as a blind man gropes in darkness. You will not be successful in any of your ways; you will only be oppressed and robbed continually, with no one to rescue you.

30 You will be betrothed to be married to a woman, but another will take her and sleep with her. You will build a house, but you will not live in it. You will plant a vineyard, but you will not gather its grapes.

31 Your ox will be slaughtered in front of your eyes, but you will not eat any of it. Your donkey will be forcibly taken away from you, and it will not be returned. Your sheep will be given to your enemies, and no one will rescue them.

32 Your sons and daughters will be 'given to another nation, while you are looking on, and you will be powerless to lift a hand *to stop it*.

33 A nation whom you have not known will eat the 'fruit of your land and the produce of your labor; and you will have nothing but crushing oppression.

34 In this way you will be driven mad, because of the things you have seen.

35 Yahweh will afflict your knees and legs with a severe inflammation which cannot be healed, spreading from the sole of your foot, to the top of your head.

36 Yahweh will bring you, and the king whom you set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have ever heard of, and there you will worship gods—gods of wood and stone; *elohim and teraphim*.

37 And you will become a thing of horror, a taunt, and the object of biting remarks, among all nations where Yahweh will drive you.

38 You will sow much seed in the field, but you will harvest little, because the locust will consume it.

39 You will plant vineyards and cultivate them, but you will not drink the wine nor gather the grapes, because the worms shall eat them.

40 You will have olive trees throughout your country, but you will not use the oil, because your olives will drop off.

41 You will beget sons and daughters, but you will not keep them, because they will go into captivity.

42 Swarms of locusts will consume all your trees, and the produce of your land.

43 The stranger who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower.

44 He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head, and you will be the tail.

45 Moreover, all these curses will come upon you, and will pursue you, and will overtake you, until you are destroyed—because you *simply* did not obey the voice of Yahweh your Father, to keep His Laws and His statutes, which He commanded you.

46 And *these curses* shall be upon you and on your descendants forever, for a sign and for a wonder;

47 Because you did not serve Yahweh your Father joyfully and with gladness of heart, in your time of great abundance;

48 Therefore, you will serve your enemies, whom Yahweh will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in dire need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck, until He has destroyed you.

49 Yahweh will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand,

50 A fierce-looking nation which has no respect for the old, nor pity for the young.

51 They will devour the young of your livestock and the crops of your land, until you are destroyed. They will leave you without grain, without new wine, without oil, and without the calves of your herds or the lambs of your flocks, until you are destroyed.

52 Throughout your land they will lay siege to all your cities, until your high, fortified walls, which you trust in, come falling down. They

a. Starvation.

R1. Yahweh will allow hostile armies to come against you.

b. Words #7710 and #7711, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: scorching blast.

G1. It shall give you no more moisture than if it were of brass.

R2. All who will hear of your afflictions will tremblingly move away from you and will say: "Woe upon us, would that there should not befall us as has befallen them!"

c. Word #7822, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: ulcer or boil.

d. Words #2914 and #6076, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: tumor or cancer.

e. Its army will take your sons.

f. Your wheat will be shipped to others.

R1. This word means subjugation or conquest.

R2. Because your enemies will besiege your cities, there will be famine.

G1. Hunger shall so bite her, that she shall be ready to eat her own child before it is delivered.

G2. For he that offends in one, is guilty of all. Deuteronomy 27:26, Yaaqob 2:10.

G3. This declares that Yahweh has infinite means to plague the wicked besides those that are written in His word (the Law and the Prophets).

G4. This shows that it is a gift from Yahweh to be in a place where we may worship Yahweh purely and declare our faith and religion.
R3. You will serve the people that serve gods (elohim), even being forced to pay tributes and taxes to the priests of these gods (elohim).

will ^{R1}besiege you in all your cities throughout all the land Yahweh your Father has given you.

53 ^{R2}You will eat the fruit of your own body, the meat of your sons and of your daughters whom Yahweh your Father has given you, because of the suffering your enemy will inflict upon you during the siege.

54 The man among you who *previously* was the most soft-hearted and generous, will *then* have no compassion for his brother, for the wife whom he loves, or for any of his surviving children;

55 And he will not give them any of the meat of the children he is eating. It will be all he has left, because of the suffering your enemy will inflict upon you during the siege of all your cities.

56 The most gentle and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to touch the dirt with the bottom of her foot, since she is so soft and delicate, will *then* begrudge the husband she loves, and her own son and daughter,

57 The ^{G1}after-birth from her womb and the children she bears. For she intends to eat them secretly during the siege and the distress, which your enemy will inflict upon you in your cities.

58 If you do not carefully observe and do ^{G2}all the words of the Law, that are written in this Book, in order that you may reverence this glorious and reverent Name: YAHWEH YOUR FATHER,

59 Then Yahweh will bring upon you and your descendants fearful plagues, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses.

60 He will also bring back upon you all the diseases of Egypt which you were afraid of, and they will cling to you;

61 Every *other* sickness and every *other* disaster, which is not ^{G3}written in this Book of the Law, Yahweh will *also* bring upon you, until you are destroyed.

62 You will *then* be left but few in number, when you *previously* were as numerous as the stars in the sky, *simply* because you would not obey Yahweh your Father.

63 Just as it pleased Yahweh and gave Him joy to make you wealthy and numerous, so it will *then* please Him to bring you to nothing; *financial ruin*, and destroy you. Then you will be uprooted from the land which you are going in to possess;

64 And Yahweh will ^{G4}scatter you among all the nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship ^{R3}gods—gods of wood and stone; *elohim and teraphim*, which neither you nor your fathers have known.

65 Among those nations you will find no place of repose, nor will the bottom of your foot find a place to rest; but there Yahweh will give you

a desperate heart, eyes weary with longing; *gradual loss of all hope*, and an anxious, tortured, and restless mind.

66 Your life will hang like a weak thread in front of you, and you shall fear, day and night, that every moment may be your last.

67 In the morning you will say: Oh, if it were only evening! And in the evening you will say: Oh, if it were only morning!—because of the terror that will fill your hearts, and because of the sights you will see with your own eyes.

68 Yahweh will bring you back to Egypt by ship, on a journey I said that you should never make again. There you will offer yourselves for sale as male and female slaves to your enemies, but no one will buy you.

CHAP. 29

These are the terms of the covenant Yahweh commanded Mosheh to make with the children of Israyl in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant He had made with them at Horeb.

2 And Mosheh summoned all Israyl, and said to them; You have seen all that Yahweh did right in front of your eyes in the land of Egypt—to Pharaoh, to all his officials, and to all his land.

3 With your own eyes you have seen the great trials, the signs, and those great wonders—

4 But to this very day Yahweh has not ^{G5}given you a mind of understanding, nor eyes that see, nor ears that hear.

5 I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out upon you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.

6 You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or strong drink; in order that you may know that I am Yahweh your Father.

7 When you reached this place, Sihon king of Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out to fight against us, but we defeated them.

8 We took their land, and gave it as an inheritance to the tribes of Reuben and Gad, and to the half-tribe of Menasheh.

9 Therefore, carefully keep the Laws of this covenant and perform and do them, so that you may *be blessed*, and succeed in everything you do.

10 All of you are standing here this day in front of ^{G6}Yahweh your Father—your leaders, your chief men, your elders, all of your officials—every man in Israyl;

11 *Along with* your wives and children, and every stranger in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who carries your water.

12 You are standing here in order to enter into a covenant with Yahweh your Father, a covenant Yahweh is making with you this day,

G5. Yahweh shows that it is not in man's power to understand the hidden things of Yahweh if these things are not given to man from Yahweh Himself. See Yehchanan 14:16-17 and 16:13.

G6. Who knows your hearts, and therefore, you may not argue with Him.

and sealing with an oath;

13 To establish and confirm you this day as a people unto Himself, and that He may be your Father, just as He promised you, and as He vowed on oath to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Yaaqob.

14 I am making this covenant, with its oath, ^{R1}not only with you alone;

15 You who are standing here this day, but also with those ^{G1}who are not here this day.

16 You yourselves know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we passed through the countries on the way here.

17 ^{R2}You saw the abomination of ^{R3}gods among them—gods of wood, stone, silver, and gold; *elohim and teraphim*.

18 I solemnly entreat you to enter into the covenant and oath, ^{R4}for fear that there may be among you a man, woman, clan, or tribe this day whose heart would turn away from Yahweh our Father, to go and worship the gods (elohim) of those nations; for fear there should be among you ^{G2}a root that brings forth gall and wormwood; *poison and bitterness—the consequences of practicing god-worship (the worship of elohim and teraphim)*.

19 I solemnly entreat you to enter into the covenant and oath, so it will never come to pass, when that one hears the words of this curse, that he can congratulate and delude himself in his heart, and *erroneously* think: I will have peace and safety, even though I persist ^{R5}in going my own way. ¹Yahweh will hold all of his sins against him; he has acted; *sinned*, presumptuously. He is as a drunkard *totally* out of control.

20 Yahweh will never be willing to spare him, for Yahweh shall break forth in a destructive fire, and His jealousy will burn against that ^aman! All the ^bcurse written in this Book will fall upon him, and Yahweh will blot out his name from under heaven.

21 Yahweh will single him out from all the tribes of Israyl for disaster, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Law.

22 Then, the ^{G3}children who come after you in later generations, and the strangers who come from distant lands, will see the destruction which has fallen upon the land, and the diseases which Yahweh has laid upon it.

23 The whole land will be salt and burning brimstone; *sulfur*—not planted, not producing, nor does any vegetation grow there. It will be like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, of Admah and Zeboiyim, which Yahweh overthrew in His anger and wrath.

24 And all these nations will ask: Why has Yahweh done this to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?

25 Then the answer will be: ^cBecause they have forsaken the covenant of Yahweh, the Father of their fathers; the covenant which He

made with them when He brought them out of Egypt.

26 They went off and served ^{R6}gods (elohim)—gods (elohim) they did not know, gods (elohim) which Yahweh never gave to them—and bowed down in worship *to them*.

27 Therefore, Yahweh's anger burned against this land, and He brought upon it every curse that is written in this Book.

28 In anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, Yahweh uprooted them from their land and thrust them into another land, as it is this day.

29 The ^{G4}secret things belong to Yahweh our Father, but the things revealed to us; *every word that proceeds from Yahweh's mouth*, belongs to us and to our children forever, so that we may perform and do all the words of this Law.

CHAP. 30

When all these things come upon you; the blessings and the curses I have set in front of you—wherever Yahweh your Father may disperse you among the nations—then ^{G5}recall these things in your memory;

2 And when you and your children return to Yahweh your Father, and obey Him with all your ^{G6}heart and with all your soul, just as I have commanded you to do this day,

3 Then Yahweh will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion upon you, and gather you again from all the nations where He scattered you.

4 ^dIf you are driven out even to the farthest land on earth, from there Yahweh your Father will gather you, and from there He will bring you;

5 Yahweh your Father will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and then you will possess it. He will make you more wealthy and numerous than your fathers.

6 Yahweh your Father will ^{G7}circumcise your hearts, and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love Him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.

7 Then Yahweh your Father will put all these curses upon your enemies, and upon those who hated and persecuted you.

8 ^{G8}You will again obey Yahweh, and follow all His Laws which I command you this day.

9 Yahweh your Father will make you bountifully blessed in all the work of your hands, in the fruit of your bodies, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land. Yahweh will again rejoice over you, and make you wealthy, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;

10 If you obey Yahweh your Father, to keep His Laws and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law; if you turn to Yahweh your Father with all your heart and with all your soul.

R6. In whom they never experienced any power from above, nor did any god (el) promise or give them an inheritance.

G4. Mosheh rebukes the people because they sought after those things which are only known to Yahweh, and they totally neglected those things Yahweh had revealed to them, such as the Law.

G5. By calling to remembrance both Yahweh's blessings and Yahweh's plagues.

G6. In true repentance is no hypocrisy.

d. Acts 15:14.

G7. Yahweh will purge all those affections you were powerless to purge on your own. Psalms 33:16.

G8. If we want Yahweh to work in us with His Holy Spirit, we must return again to Him by repenting of our sins.

R1. But with the generations to come as well.

G1. Meaning: Their posterity.

R2. Gods (elohim) are so termed because they are loathsome like unclean things that are held in abomination.

R3. Gods (elohim) are detestable, malodorous, and to be loathed like ordure (dung).

R4. Lest there be a man or woman or family or tribe that fruitfully produces and spreads apace (rapidly) wickedness in your midst.

G2. Such sin as this bitter root (a mind full of bitterness and hate) might choke and destroy you.

R5. I will follow what my heart sees fit to do.

a. Genesis 12:2-3.
b. These curses will fall upon all who do wickedly. Malakayah 4:4-6, Revelation 20:12-15.

G3. The plagues that Yahweh brings against them that rebel against Him shall be so strange that all ages will be astonished.

c. They broke the Everlasting Covenant. Isayah 24:1-6.

I. Verse 29:19—Hebrew clause *lamon saphut haruh at hatzmah*. Traditionally translated that the intoxication sweep away the thirst or so that the watered will be swept away with the dry. Dr. Solomon ben Yitzhak, in his Commentary in the *Chumash*, with *Targum Onkelos*, *Haphtharoth*, and *Rashi's Commentary*, Volume Devarim, Pages 146 and 228, shows that this phrase is correctly translated Yahweh will hold all of his sins against him; he has acted; sinned, presumptuously. He is as a drunkard totally out of control.

G1. The Law is so evident that none can pretend ignorance.

G2. Even the Law and the Prophets.

R1. The Law has been given to you in writing.

R2. If you do righteousness, behold, there is life for you. If you do evil, behold, there is death for you.

G3. To love Yahweh is only life and peace

a. Word #4687, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: laws.

b. That is; Have eternal life.

G4. Yahweh adds the promises to signify that it is to our benefit to love Him.

c. Hebrew *shachah*, meaning: to submit. *Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* by Samuel Tregelles, Page 813.

d. That is; Yahweh's Laws.

e. Choose Yahweh's Laws, which lead one to eternal life. Yaaqob 1:21.

G5. That is; Love and obey Yahweh.

f. Yahweh is your salvation.

11 For this Law which I command you this day is not ^{G1}hidden from you, nor is it beyond your reach.

12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask; Who will ascend up into heaven for us, and bring it to us, so that we may hear it and then do it?

13 Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask; Who will cross the sea, and bring it to us, so that we may hear it and then do it?

14 The ^{G2}Law is very ^{R1}near you: it is in your mouth and in your heart, so you may obey it.

15 ^{R2}See, I have set before you this day life by righteousness, and death and destruction—

16 In that I command you this day to ^{G3}love Yahweh your Father, by walking in *all* His ways, by keeping His ^aLaws, His statutes, and His judgments, so that you may ^{b,G4}live and multiply, and so Yahweh your Father may bless you in the land which you go in to possess.

17 But if your heart turns away, and you are not obedient, and you are drawn away to ^csubmit to gods (elohim), to worship them by serving them—

18 I declare to you this day that you will surely perish; you will not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Yordan to possess.

19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day, *that I* have set before you ^dlife and death, blessings and curses. *Because you are free agents to make your own choice between righteousness and evil*—therefore ^{e,G5}choose life, so both you and your children may live;

20 So you may love Yahweh your Father, by listening to Him, and *then* obeying Him. Hold fast to Him, for He is your ^flife. He will *also* give you many years in the land He vowed to give to your fathers; to Abraham, Isaac, and Yaaqob.

CHAP. 31

Then Mosheh went and spoke these words to all Israyl;

2 And he said to them; I am one hundred and twenty years old this day. I can no longer go out and come in; *attend to public office*, for Yahweh has said to me: You must not cross over this Yordan.

3 Yahweh your Father Himself crosses over in front of you. He will destroy these nations from in front of you, and you shall take possession of their land. Yahshua *ben Nun* will also cross over ahead of you, just as Yahweh has said.

4 And Yahweh will do to them as He did to Sihon and Og; the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when He destroyed them.

5 Yahweh will deliver them ^{G6}over to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you; *cherem, utterly destroy them*.

6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid of them, nor be terrified because of them, for Yahweh your Father goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.

7 Then Mosheh summoned Yahshua, and spoke to him in the sight of all Israyl; Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land Yahweh has vowed on oath to give to their forefathers; and you must divide it among them for their inheritance.

8 Yahweh Himself goes in front of you, and will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, neither be discouraged.

9 So Mosheh wrote down this Law, and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, and to all the elders of Israyl.

10 Then Mosheh commanded them, saying; At the end of every seven years, in the set time of the year of release; *at the appointed time for canceling debts*, at the Feast of Tabernacles;

11 When all Israyl comes to appear in front of Yahweh your Father in the place He shall choose, you must read this Law before all Israyl, in their hearing.

12 Gather the people together—men, women, children, and the strangers within your cities—so they may listen, and so they may learn to reverence Yahweh your Father, by carefully observing and doing all the words of this Law.

13 *In this same way*, their children, who ^{G7}do not know this Law, may listen to it, ¹thereby learning to reverence Yahweh your Father as long as you live in the land which you are crossing the Yordan to possess.

14 And Yahweh said to Mosheh: Behold, the day of your death approaches. Summon Yahshua, and *both of* you present yourselves at the Tent of Meeting, where I will appoint him to the office of leader. So Mosheh and Yahshua came, and presented themselves at the Tent of Meeting.

15 Then Yahweh appeared at the Tent in a pillar of cloud, and the cloud stood over the entrance to the Tent.

16 And Yahweh said to Mosheh: Behold, you are going to rest with your fathers, and these people will soon ^{R3}prostitute themselves to the gods (elohim) of the land which they are entering; they will forsake Me, and break the covenant which I made with them.

17 On that day I will become angry with them, and I will forsake them. I will hide My face from them, and they will be devoured. Many evils and troubles will *then* befall them, and on that day they will ask; Have not these disasters come upon us because our Father is not with us?

18 And I will surely hide My face in that day,

G7. Who were not born when the Law was given.

R3. After the gods (elohim) of the peoples of the land.

because of all the evil they have done by turning to hinder gods (elohim).

19 **Now**, this ^{1a,G1}Perfect Law is therefore ^{1b}written for you. Teach it to the children of Israyl; ^{1c}put it in their mouths, so that ^{1d}I have this Perfect Law ^{1e}bearing witness ^{1f}for ^{1g}those who reverence Yahweh.

20 But, when I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, the land which I vowed on oath to their forefathers, and they have eaten to the full and grown fat; ^{G2}if they turn to gods (elohim) and worship them—breaking My covenant and provoking Me.

21 Then, when many disasters and troubles have come upon them, this ^{1a}Perfect Law will ^{G3}testify against them like a witness; for it will not be forgotten by their descendants. I know what they are disposed to do; *their evil passions and tendencies*, even before I bring them into the land which I promised them on oath.

22 So Mosheh wrote down this ^{1a}Perfect Law that day, and taught it to the children of Israyl.

23 Then Yahweh appointed Yahshua ben Nun *to the office of leader*, and said: Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the children of Israyl into the land I vowed on oath to them, and I Myself will be with you.

24 When Mosheh had completed writing the words of this Law in a Book, from beginning to end;

25 He gave command to the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, saying;

26 Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of Yahweh your Father, so it may be there as a ^{G4}witness against you;

27 For I know how rebellious and stiff-necked you are. If you have been rebellious against Yahweh this day, while I am yet alive with you, then how much more will you rebel after my death?

28 Gather in front of me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, so I can speak these words in their hearing, and call heaven and earth to witness against them.

29 For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and you will turn from the way I have commanded you. Evil will befall you

you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of Yahweh, and provoke Him to anger because of ^{G5}what your hands have made.

30 Then Mosheh recited the words of this song in the hearing of all the congregation of Israyl, from beginning to end;

CHAP. 32

Listen, O ^{G6}heavens, and I will speak. Hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 Let my ^{a,G7}teaching fall like ^{R1}rain. Let my words descend like dew. Let them fall like showers on the new grass; like abundant rain on plants.

3 For I will proclaim Yahweh's great Name! Praise the greatness of Yahweh!

4 He is The ^{G8}Rock. His works are perfect; Yahweh's ways are justice indeed! He is the Father of ^{R2}truth, and does no wrong. Upright and Just is He.

5 Corruptly they behave toward Him; to their shame they are no longer ^{R3}His children, but a warped and crooked generation.

6 Do you repay Yahweh this way, O ^{R4}foolish and unwise people? Is He not the Father of you? Is not He the Creator of you, Who made and formed you?

7 Remember all the ^{R5}days of old; think of the generations long past. Ask your ^{R6}father and he will tell you; ask your ^{R7}elders, and they will explain.

8 When Yahweh gave the nations their inheritance; when He divided all mankind, He set boundaries for the people according to the number of the sons of Israyl.

9 Yahweh's Portion is His people; Yaaqob is His allotted inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land; in a waste and howling wilderness. Yahweh led him and ^{R8}instructed him; He guarded him as the apple of His eye,

11 As the eagle stirs up her nest, as she flutters over her young, spreading her wings to catch them, taking her young and holding them up;

12 So Yahweh Alone did lead him, ^{R9}and no god (el) at all was with him.

13 Yahweh made Yaaqob ride on the high places of the earth, so he might eat the increase of the fields; and suck honey from the rock, and suck oil from the flinty rock;

14 With butter and milk from herd and flock, fattened lambs, and Bashan rams, the fattest goats and the finest kernels of wheat; and you drank the pure blood of the grape.

15 But Yeshurun grew fat and kicked; you are waxed fat and grown thick, with this thickness you are covered. He then forsook great Yahweh. ^{R10}He lightly esteemed The Rock his Savior.

16 ^{R11}They provoked Yahweh to jealousy with their gods (elohim); they provoked Him to anger with this abomination.

17 They sacrificed to demons (gods, elohim), which are not of Yahweh, to gods (elohim) they did not know; to gods (elohim) newly come

G5. By godworship (the worship of elohim), worshipping images which are the work of your hands.

G6. As witnesses of this people's ingratitude.

a. Doctrine (teachings in the King James version). Sound doctrine (Proverbs 4:2). My doctrine is not mine (Yahchanaan 7:16). Sound doctrine (1 Timothy 1:10). G7. Mosheh declares that he may speak to Yahweh's glory, and that the people, as the green grass, may receive the dew of his doctrine.

R1. This is the evidence that you will have to give: That in your presence I declare that the Laws of Yahweh which I gave to Israyl is life to the world as the rain which is life to the world.

G8. The Hebrew word in this verse means rock, noting that Yahweh alone is mighty, faithful, and constant in His promises.

R2. Yahweh is faithful to recompense the righteous in the world to come.

R3. They were His children, and the corruption they wrought is their fault.

R4. A people that has forgotten all that was done for them.

R5. Remember what Yahweh did to previous generations who provoked Him to anger.

R6. The prophets. II Kings 2:12.

R7. The sages.

R8. In the Law of Yahweh.

R9. Not one of the gods (elohim) of the other peoples possessed the power to display its might and to war with them.

R10. He scorned Yahweh, and held Yahweh in contempt.

R11. They sacrificed to gods (elohim) even the heathens did not know. As a result, these heathens called these unknown gods (elohim) as Hebrew gods (elohim).

G1. To preserve you and your children from god-worship (the worship of elohim) by remembering Yahweh's blessings.

G2. For this is the nature of flesh, to not obey Yahweh.

G3. That these evils are come upon them because they forsake Me.

G4. Of your infidelity, when you shall turn away from the true doctrine contained in Yahweh's Laws.

●Deuteronomy 31:19-22—How these words have been traditionally translated is followed by their correct translation. **1a.** Verses 31:19,21-22—Hebrew root *shar*. Traditionally translated *song*. *The Hebrew Tongue Restored* by Fabre d'Olivet, Pages 463-464, shows this word is correctly translated *That Perfect Government based upon Perfect Laws*. **1b.** Verse 31:19—Hebrew *katab*. Traditionally translated *write down*. *The Analytical Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* by Benjamin Davidson, Page 397, shows this word is correctly translated *it is written*. **1c.** Verse 31:19—Hebrew root *phah*. Traditionally translated *sing*. *A Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament* by Julius Furst, Page 1116, shows this word is correctly translated *to put words in one's mouth*. **1d.** Verse 31:19—Hebrew *hayah-li*. Traditionally translated *It may be...for Me*. *The Analytical Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* by Benjamin Davidson, Page 399, shows these words are correctly translated *I have*. **1e.** Verse 31:19—Hebrew *od*. Traditionally translated *witness*. *The Analytical Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* by Benjamin Davidson, Page 589, shows this word is correctly translated *bear witness*. **1f.** Verse 31:19—Hebrew letter *Beth* as a prefix. Traditionally translated *against*. *The Analytical Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* by Benjamin Davidson, Page 56, shows this prefix is correctly translated *for*. **1g.** Verse 31:19—Hebrew *banah*. Traditionally translated *them*. *Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* by Samuel Tregelles, Page 127, shows this word is correctly translated *those who truly reverence Yahweh*.

up, to gods (elohim, teraphim) your fathers did not worship.

18 You are unmindful of, and you forgot The Rock that begot you; our Father Who formed you.

19 When Yahweh saw them, He abhorred them, because His ^{G1}sons and daughters provoked Him.

20 And He said: I will ^ahide My face from them; I will see what their end shall be, for they are a perverse generation; children in whom is no ^bfaith.

21 They provoked Me to jealousy by that which has no power; they provoked Me to anger with their worthless gods (elohim). I will make them jealous by those who are not a ^{G2}people; I will provoke them to anger by a people that has no understanding.

22 My anger has kindled a fire; it will burn to the grave below. It will consume all the earth with all its harvests, and set afire the foundations of the mountains; *governments of this world*.

23 I will heap destruction upon them; I will spend My arrows against them.

24 They shall then be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat; consuming pestilence and deadly plague. I will send against them the teeth of the wild animals, and the poison of the serpents of the dust.

25 The sword without, and the terror within, shall ^{G3}destroy the young man and the virgin; the suckling, and the man who has gray hair.

26 I said that I would scatter them, and make their remembrance cease from among men,

27 But I dreaded the taunts of the enemy; because the adversary would ^{G4}misunderstand, and say; Our hand has triumphed, and Yahweh has not done all this!

28 They are a nation without sense; they have no understanding.

29 Oh, that this nation were wise! Oh, that they would understand this! Oh, that they could ^{G5}discern what their latter end will be!

30 How can one man chase one thousand, unless their Rock had sold them? And two put ten thousand to flight, unless Yahweh had delivered them up?

31 For their rock is not as our Rock! Our enemies have even conceded this!

32 ^cFor their vines are vines of Sodom and from the fields of Gomorrah. ^dTheir grapes are the grapes of gall; *poison of godworship (the worship of elohim)*, their clusters are filled with bitterness; *bitterness of idolatry: godworship (the worship of elohim)*.

33 Their ^{G6}wine is the dragon's poison, ^{R1}and the cruel venom of asps.

34 Is not this laid in the storehouse with Me, sealed up among My treasures?

35 Vengeance and recompense is Mine! Their foot shall slip in due time. Their day of disaster is near; The Day shall be at hand, and their doom rushes upon them.

36 For Yahweh will judge His people, and have compassion upon His servants; when He sees their power is gone, and no one is left, bond or free.

37 Then He will ask: Where are your gods (elohim), your rock in whom you trusted?

38 *Where are your gods (elohim)*, who ate of your sacrifices, and drank the wine of your drink offerings? Let your gods (elohim) rise up and help you! Let them be your protection!

39 See that ^{R2}I, *ONLY I*, AM HE, ^{R3}and there is NO GOD (EL) WITH ME! Me, I kill, and I make alive! I wound, and I heal! Neither is there any that can deliver out of My hand!

40 I ^{G7}lift My hand to heaven, and declare: As surely as I live forever,

41 When I sharpen My flashing sword; when My hand takes hold of judgment; I will take vengeance upon My foes! I will reward those who hate Me!

42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword will devour flesh; of the slain and of the captives, with the beginning of revenge upon the enemy.

43 Rejoice, O nations, with His people. Rejoice, O heavens, with Him, and let all His malakim worship Him! He is the ^{G8}Avenger-of-Blood for His servants. Yahweh will judge and execute vengeance on His enemies, and make atonement for His land and His people.

44 So Mosheh came with Yahshua ben Nun, and recited all the words of this song in the hearing of the people.

45 And when Mosheh finished speaking all these words to all Israyl,

46 ^{R4}He said to them; Take to heart all the words I have testified among you this day, so that you may command your children to carefully observe and do all the words of this Law.

47 ^{R5}These are not just ^{G9}idle words for you—^{R6}these Laws mean life to you; and by them you shall prolong your days in the land, which you are crossing the Yarden to possess.

48 And Yahweh spoke to Mosheh that very same day, saying:

49 Go up into the Abarim Range, to Mount Nebo in Moab, across from Yericho, to view Canaan, the land which I am giving to the children of Israyl as their own possession.

50 There, on the mountain which you will have climbed, you will die and be gathered to your people, just as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people.

51 *You will die on this side of the Yarden* because both of you ^{G10}broke faith with Me, trespassing against Me in the presence of the children of Israyl, at the waters of Meribah Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me, and uphold My holiness in the midst of the children of Israyl.

52 Therefore, you will see the land only from a distance, but you will not enter the land which I am giving to the children of Israyl.

G1. He calls them Yahweh's children, not to honor them, but to show them from what dignity they have fallen.

a. Deuteronomy 31:16-18, Isayah 59:1-2.

b. Words #529 and #539, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: established, trustworthiness, faith, faithful, truth, steadfast, verified.

Steadfast—notice this something you are steadfast to. Established—notice the faith is established.

Verified—it is already verified.

G2. Which I have neither chosen nor have I given My Laws to them.

G3. They shall be slain both in the field and at home.

G4. They would rejoice to see the righteous afflicted, and they would attribute to themselves what had been brought to pass by Yahweh.

G5. They would consider the blessings that were prepared for them, if they had obeyed Yahweh.

c. Deuteronomy 32:21.
d. They are drunk with the bitter wine of godworship (the worship of elohim). Revelation 17:2.

G6. The fruits of the wicked are as poison, detestable to Yahweh and dangerous to man.

R1. A cruel enemy will come and exact punishment from them.

R2. I am He Who has the power to abase, and it is I Who have the power to raise.
R3. There is no god (el) who is My equal and like Me.

G7. That is; I swear. See Genesis 14:22.

G8. Whether the blood of Yahweh's people be shed for their sins, or for trial of their faith, Yahweh promises to avenge it.

R4. Indeed, it is necessary for a man that his eyes, his heart, and his ears should all be attentively directed to the words of Yahweh's Law.

R5. It is not for nothing that you are to occupy yourselves laboriously with Yahweh's Law, because much reward depends on it.

G9. For I will perform My promises unto you. Isayah 55:10-11.

R6. (Eternal) life is the reward. Yaaqob 1:21.

G10. You were not honest and constant to maintain My honor.

CHAP. 33

G1. This blessing not only contains a simple prayer but an assurance of the effect.

And this is the ^{G1}blessing that Mosheh, the man of Yahweh, pronounced upon the children of Israyl before his death,

2 And he said; Yahweh came from Sinai, and dawned over them from Seir; He shined forth from Mount Paran, and He came with ten thousands of holy ones. From His right hand came a fiery Law for them.

G2. The children of Israyl.
G3. As Your disciples.

3 Surely it is You who love the people; all the ^{G2}holy ones are in Your hand. At ^{G3}Your feet they all bow down, and from You they receive instruction;

4 By the Law that Mosheh gave us; the ^{G4}possession of the congregation of Yaaqob.

5 He was king over Yeshurun, when the leaders of the people were gathered, all the tribes of Israyl together.

R1. Let not Reuben's sin with Bilhah be remembered.
G5. Reuben shall be one of the tribes of Yahweh's people, though because of his sin, his honor is diminished, and his family small.

6 ^{R1}Let ^{G5}Reuben live, and not die; but let his men be few.

7 And this Mosheh said about Yahdah; Hear, O Yahweh, the cry of Yahdah; bring him to his people. With his own hands he defends his cause, but may You help against his enemies.

8 And about Levi he said; Your Thummim and Urim belong to the *tribe* You most honored. You tested him at Massah; You contended with him at the waters of Meribah.

G6. Levi preferred Yahweh's glory to all natural affection.

9 He said of his father and mother: ^{G6}I have no regard for them. He did not acknowledge his brothers, nor recognize his own children, but he watched over Your Law, and guarded Your covenant.

10 He teaches Your judgments to Yaaqob, and Your Law to Israyl. He offers incense in front of You, and whole burnt offerings on Your altar.

G7. He declares that the ministers of Yahweh have many enemies and therefore they have need to be prayed for.

11 Bless his skills; *the efficient performance of his duties*, O Yahweh, and be pleased with the work of his hands. ^{G7}Strike down the strength of those who rise up against him; *opposed to his priestly prerogatives*, strike his enemies, until they rise up no more.

G8. Because the Temple would be built on Mount Zion, which was in the territory of Benjamin, Mosheh shows that Yahweh would dwell with Benjamin there.

12 About Benjamin, he said; The beloved of Yahweh shall ^{G8}live in safety in Him, for He shields him all the day long. The one Yahweh loves, rests between His shoulders.

13 About Yahseph, *Mosheh* said; May Yahweh bless his land, with the precious dew from heaven above, and with the deep waters lying beneath;

14 With the best the sun brings forth, and the finest the moon can yield;

15 With the choicest gifts of the ancient mountains, and the fruitfulness of the everlasting hills;

16 With the best gifts of the earth and its fullness, and the honor of Him Who lived in the burning bush. May these rest on the head of Yahseph, on the crown of the head of the one set apart; *consecrated to a specific task*, from his brothers.

17 In majesty he is like the firstborn bull; his horns are like the horns of the wild ox. With them, he will gore the nations, even those at the ends of the earth. They are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Menasheh.

18 And of Zebulun, *Mosheh* said; Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out; and you, Issachar, in your tents.

19 They will call the people to the mountain, and there offer sacrifices of righteousness; they will feast on the abundance of the seas, on the treasures hidden in the sand.

20 And of Gad, he said; Blessed is he who enlarges Gad; Gad lives there like a lion, tearing at the arm, and the crown of the head.

21 He chose the best land for himself, the leader's portion was kept for him. When the heads of the people were gathered, he carried out Yahweh's righteous will, and His judgments concerning Israyl.

22 About Dan, he said; Dan is a lion's whelp, he shall spring from Bashan.

23 And of Naphtali, he said; Naphtali is satisfied with honor, and full of the blessing of Yahweh; he will inherit southward to the lake.

24 And of Asher, *Mosheh* said; Most blessed of sons is Asher; let him be honored by his brothers, and let him dip his feet in oil.

25 The latches of your gates will be iron and bronze, and your strength shall be as your days.

26 ^{R2}There is no One like the Father of Yeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, and on the clouds in His majesty.

27 The Everliving Father is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will thrust out the enemy from in front of you, and will say: Destroy!

28 Then Israyl will live in safety alone; Yaaqob's spring is secure in a land of grain and new wine, where the heavens drop dew.

29 Blessed are you, O Israyl! Who is like you, a people saved by Yahweh? He is your Shield of Help, and your Majestic Sword. ^{G9}Your enemies will cringe in front of you, and you will trample down their high places.

R2. Know, O Israyl, that there is none like Yahweh among all the gods (elohim) of the peoples, and that their rock is not as your Rock.

G9. Your enemies for fear shall lie and pretend to be in subjection.

CHAP. 34

Then Mosheh went up from the plains of Moab, climbing Mount Nebo to the top of Pisgah, across from Yericho. From there, Yahweh showed him all the land—from Gilead to Dan;

2 All of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Menasheh, all the land of Yahdah as far as the Western Sea; *the Mediterranean*,

3 The Negev, and the whole region from the plain of the Valley of Yericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

4 Then Yahweh said to him: This is the land which I promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Yaaqob, when I said: I will give it to your descendants. I have caused your eye to behold this land, but you will not cross over there.

5 So Mosheh, the servant of Yahweh, died there in the land of Moab, just as Yahweh had said.

6 And *Yahweh* buried him in the land of Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but no one knows where his grave is to ^{G1}this day.

7 Mosheh was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim, nor had his natural force and vigor abated.

8 And the children of Israyl wept, and mourned for Mosheh in the plains of Moab for thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

9 Now ^{G2}Yahshua ben Nun was filled with the Spirit of wisdom, for Mosheh had laid his hands

upon him; *endowing him with a portion of his spirit and appointing him in his office*. So the children of Israyl listened to him, and did as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh.

10 Since then, there has not arisen in Israyl a prophet like Mosheh, whom Yahweh knew face to face,

11 Who did all those miraculous signs and wonders Yahweh sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh, to all his officials, and to his whole land.

12 No one has since shown the mighty power, or has performed the miraculous *signs and wonders that Yahweh sent him to perform* in the sight of all Israyl.

G1. So that no one might deify Mosheh as a god (el).

G2. Yahweh will always see to it that His people have an overseer to guide them.